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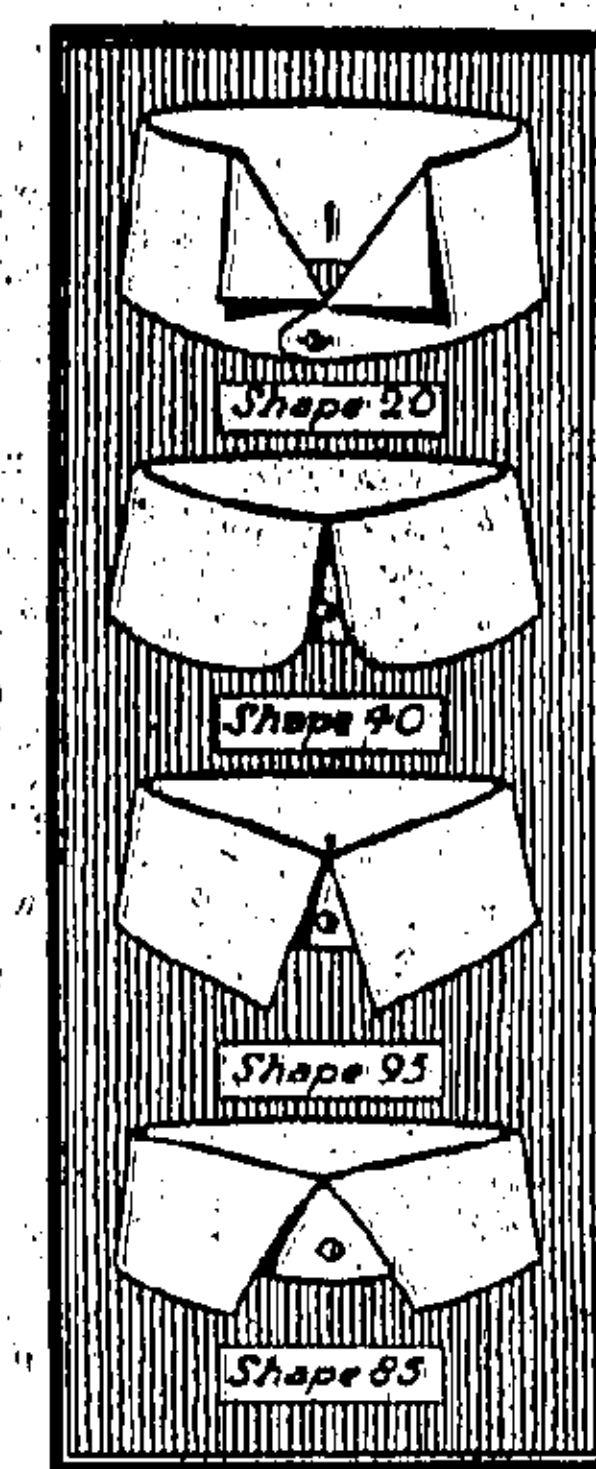
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MR. D. K. BLAIR'S DEATH.

FORMER RESIDENT'S MANY SERVICES.

CHAMBER'S SECRETARY.

His War, Strike And Sport Work.

The death is announced in a brief cable which gives no details
of Mr. D. K. Blair, late Secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of
Commerce. Death took place yesterday.

LATE MR. D. K. BLAIR.



A studio portrait of Mr. D. K. Blair, taken shortly
before his departure for Home, after many years' re-
sidence in the Colony.

Whilst it will be a matter of
grief to his many friends in Hong-
kong, to those who saw Mr. Blair
at Home in the summer of last
year, the news will not come as a
great shock.

Mr. Blair left Hongkong early
in April, 1924. He had been in
indifferent health and it was on
medical advice that he left for
Home.

He had served the Colony for
many years and in different
spheres and his judgment, discre-
tion and long acquaintance with
local conditions enabled him to fill
with credit the responsible post he
held when he left the Colony.

For his excellent work on be-
half of the Colony, the late Mr.
Blair was presented by the Gov-
ernment with a silver salver en-
graved with the Colony's emblem
"as an indication of the apprecia-
tion of the Government of Hong-
kong of the services you have so
willingly given on various occa-
sions."

A sum of money was also voted
to Mr. Blair by the Chamber of
Commerce in order that he might
purchase some memento "as a
mark of appreciation of his
services."

When the Peak Hospital was
handed over to the Government,
Mr. Blair was appointed honorary
secretary and treasurer. Mr.
Blair reorganised the Hospital
with such success that the Gov-
ernment was moved to express its
warmest thanks "for the very
creditable manner" in which he
"voluntarily carried out the
arduous work." He also received
a letter from the Colonial Treas-
urer expressing his sincere
gratitude for all he had done, "in
putting the Peak Hospital on a
satisfactory basis both as regards
efficiency and business matters."

Apart from his official work,
Mr. Blair was best known as the
Honorary Secretary of the St.
Andrew's Society. The following
tribute was paid to him by that
Society on the occasion of his
departure:—"As Secretary of the
Society, you have placed the
organisation at a high water mark
of efficiency, and your personal
interest and able management
have been outstanding features in
our Scottish celebrations."

Mr. Blair was a keen mason,
being deputy master of Lodge
Eastern Scotia, Number 928, of
which he was also for many years
a past master. His impending de-
parture brought him a letter of
sincere appreciation for his
"many services and unequalled
generosity" and the lodge also

presented him with suitably in-
scribed emblem of the craft as a
souvenir.

During his residence in Hong-
kong, Mr. Blair took the keenest
interest in yachting and
together with Mr. Frank
Smyth his name will long
be remembered as prominently
associated with the progress of
the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.
For many years Mr. Blair was
Sailing Secretary and he did splen-
did work in connection with the
Club's annual regattas. It was in
recognition of his hard work as an
official of that Club that he was
made Vice-Commodore and later
Commodore, which position he
held at the time of his departure
from the Colony.

Before he left, Mr. Blair was
the recipient of a handsome solid
silver cigar and cigarette box,
the gift of prominent members of
the Yacht Club whose signatures
were inscribed on it.

Mr. Blair was a native of
Irvine, Ayrshire. He first came
to the East in 1889 and was
originally in the service of the
Eastern Extension Telegraph
Company, serving Shanghai and
North China as well
as Hongkong. During the
Boxer rebellion he was in
the North and helped to maintain
telegraph services at Tientsin and
Taku forts during those hazard-
ous times.

The late Mr. Blair came to
Hongkong as Assistant Secretary
of the Hongkong General Chamber
of Commerce. Having acted as
Secretary on numerous occasions,
he was appointed Secretary in
1921.

Mr. Blair was a Justice of the
Peace for Hongkong.

During the Seamen's Strike, tri-
bute was paid by the Government
to Mr. Blair's excellent work
"which had been of the greatest
assistance" in conducting the
smooth running of the services."

Another branch of his earlier
activities was that in connection
with the raising of a Signalling
Section of the Hongkong Volun-
teer Defence Corps during the War
when he trained many residents
in the art of telegraphic signalling.
He remained with his section until
it was disbanded.

In many other ways, Mr. Blair
gave of his time and energy for
the benefit of the Colony and his
ill-health at the time he left, was
attributable to the hard work and
unsparring effort which he display-
ed in all that he undertook.

Much sympathy will be felt
with the late Mr. Blair's family.

STEAMBOAT CO.

NO DIVIDEND BUT SOUND
POSITION.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

Government And Shamshen
Service.

Although, owing to certain
factors, the directors of the
Hongkong, Canton and Macao
Steamboat Co., Ltd., announce no
dividend for the year, a sound
position as regards the balance
sheet and working generally was
disclosed at the annual meeting
this morning.

The Chairman, the Hon. Mr.
P. H. Holyoak, in the course of
his statement, said that he had
reason to believe that the Com-
pany would receive financial sup-
port from the Government in
meeting the loss involved in keep-
ing up communication between
Hongkong and Shamshen.

The following were present:—
The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak
(Chairman), the Hon. Mr. A. O.
Lang, Messrs. W. E. Clarke, T. G.
Weill, J. M. Alves, H. Staples
Smith, and E. M. Austin (Direc-
tors); Mr. John Arnold (Secre-
tary); also the following share-
holders:—Messrs. S. H. Michael,
L. S. Greenhill, Cheng Ching-po,
S. Danenberg, J. Owen Hughes,
Paul Lander, G. E. Townes, and
Geo. S. Zimmer.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—The
directors' report and auditors'
statements having been in your
hands for some days, I propose
with your consent to follow the
usual custom of taking them as
read.

For obvious reasons, gentlemen,
you will, I am sure, realise that it
is difficult and indeed would be
unwise for me to dwell at length
on the incidents of the past seven
months which are common knowl-
edge to you all. Under all the
circumstances, the balance sheet
may be considered satisfactory.

For the first six months of the
year, our trading results compared
very favourably with the average
figures of preceding years and
given normal times we feel certain
we could have set before you a
good balance sheet. The year has
been marked by the strike in June
and the subsequent boycott of
British shipping in South China.
Our Macao service was suspended
from June 18 to July 27 when one
boat was put on the run. Less
than a month later, August 22, the
full service to Macao was resumed.

In September, at the request of
the authorities, and in the con-
sultation with the Government,
the "Honam" re-opened the Can-
ton sailing and we have maintain-
ed our Canton sailings continuously
ever since. It was obvious that
the boats could not earn a profit
but it was felt by your directors
that it was in the interests of all
to maintain communication with
Shamshen and Canton and our flag
upon the river. I have reason to
believe that we shall receive finan-
cial support from the Government
in meeting the loss, which has
been involved in giving vital and
essential service, which is not
likely to be forgotten by our loyal
supporters, Chinese as well as for-
eign, when times are once more
normal and our fleet is in full
operation. It is fitting here that
I should record the high appre-
ciation of your directors of the
services of the floating staff under
especially the trying conditions
which have prevailed. I may say
that on re-starting the Canton ser-
vice with the "Honam" and when
satisfactory insurance on the lives
of the officers and crew had not
yet been completed, to a man, from
the Captain downwards, the
officers volunteered to sail with-
out.

Our fleet has been added to
since last we met by the new
"Taishan," which promises to be
the most popular boat on the river,
as she will unquestionably be the
most beautiful and best equipped.

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Running out of the verandah of
a house at Kowloon City Road, a
Chinese was knocked down by a
sanitary waggon and received a
broken arm.

In alighting from a tram car
while in motion, a Chinese youth
received injuries to his head. He
is now lying in a critical condition
at the hospital.

The duties which the Reserve
will be called upon to perform will
not be arduous, neither is previous
experience absolutely necessary; in

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS.

SUGGESTED FORMATION IN
HONGKONG.

QUESTION IN THE COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 15.

In the House of Commons, Mr.
L. C. M. Amery, Secretary of State
for the Colonies, replied in the
affirmative to a question as whether
the Imperial Government had sug-
gested to the Hongkong Govern-
ment the formation of a corps of
Naval Volunteers.



Mr. L. C. M. Amery.

Mr. Amery added that the ques-
tion of forming similar Corps in
Singapore and other places in
Malaya was under consideration.
He was not yet able to give de-
tails of the scheme.



Commander Kenworthy.

Commander J. M. Kenworthy
(Liberal, Hull Central) requested
that an offer of enlistment be
made to loyal seamenlike Chinese
colonists in Hongkong.

Mr. Amery said that that would
have to be considered.

THE LOCAL REFERENCE.

Governor's First Announcement.

Addressing the Hongkong Volun-
teer Defence Corps on the 8th inst.,
His Excellency the Governor said:
"H.E. the G.O.C. considers, and I
am sure you will all agree, that the
present period of your annual
training is too short and I propose
to see whether suitable arrange-
ments cannot forthwith be made
for prolonging it. I am also at
the suggestion of H.M.'s Govern-
ment inquiring whether it would
not be possible to form in Hong-
kong a corps of Naval Volunteers,
in addition to the units which
already exist. Both these pro-
jects will soon come up for public
discussion and I trust that you and
the whole community will give full
support to any well-considered
schemes which the military and
naval authorities devise for en-
listing additional help from
civilians in the defence of this
Colony."

DUTIES OF THE CORPS.

Under Naval Discipline.

In the same issue as that which
contained His Excellency the
Governor's remarks, the "China
Mail" stated:

The duties which the Reserve
will be called upon to perform will
not be arduous, neither is previous
experience absolutely necessary; in

INTERPORT GOLF.

HONGKONG LOSING TO
SHANGHAI.

TIFFIN TIME SCORES.

Unless the Hongkong team makes
a splendid recovery after tiffin, the
Interport match with Shanghai will
be lost.

As reported on page 9, Shanghai
led Hongkong by 4 1/2 points to 1 1/2
points on yesterday's singles.
Fourballs were played to-day. At
the end of the first 18 holes when
an adjournment was made for
tiffin, the position was—
A. H. Ferguson and L. W. Shewan
(Hongkong) 5 holes down to M. W.
Budd and A. R. Blinck (Shanghai).
W. Douglas and R. M. Smith
(Hongkong) 1 hole down to J. E.
Ferrier and H. R. Macdon (Shang-
hai).

T. D. E. Pendered and A. K.
Mackenzie (Hongkong) 1 up on L.
Farbury and J. F. Pilcher (Shang-
hai).

Pendered and Mackenzie, it
should be noted, were not in the
team that defeated Manila.

JAPAN'S VOICE.

NEW RESPONSIBILITY IN THE
WORLD.

SLOW WESTERN RECOGNITION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 15.

"By signing the Treaty of
Versailles, Japan has assumed a
new responsibility which funda-
mentally distinguishes Japan's
part in the post-war world from
her part before the war," points
out Baron Matsui in an article in
the Manchester Guardian on the
future of Japan.

He says that although there has
been an absence up to the present
of any occasion for spectacular
exercise, this responsibility in the
general conduct of the world's
affairs no doubt prevented the
Western people's recognition of
such consistent with its import-
ance.

The voice of Japan nevertheless
was ever present in the Inner
Council Chambers of the world.

Baron Matsui declares that
Japan does not sympathise with
the suggestion of a combination of
Oriental peoples against Europe,
though she is not unmindful of the
ties binding her to her fellow-
Asiatics. Her first and constant en-
deavours are to keep on good
terms with her immediate neigh-
bours.

Baron Matsui sympathetically
refers to China's problem. He ex-
presses the opinion that China
needs a strong man. Any other
solution, for example, the "federal-
isation" of the provinces, seems equally
unrealisable.

In fact, a certain number of special-
ised jobs will not require seafaring
knowledge at all, such as wireless
and signal work. The idea will be,
also, to arrange the duties similar-
ly to those in connection with the
Volunteers, in order that business
may be interfered with as little as
possible. Patrol work and (in
case of war) mine sweeping or
mine-laying would be among the
matters which such a corps would
be able to attend to. In cases of
emergency such as arose a short
time back, the naval reserve would
be invaluable in the maintenance
of communication between the
island and the mainland and other
special work. The organisation
would be under naval discipline.

That the organisation of such
a Reserve is practicable has been
proved elsewhere. In Singapore, a
unit consisting of over 50 men was
formed almost immediately the
scheme was announced and num-
bers are growing. In Ceylon, a
similar scheme is in working op-
eration. Hongkong, as one of the
most important outposts of the
Empire, is dependent for its pros-
perity on the maintenance of its
shipping connections. The forma-
tion of a Reserve for its protection
would be a very practical contri-
bution to the problem of Imperial
Defence. It may safely be said
that once the appeal is launched
there will be no lack of volunteers.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar,
on demand, to-day was 2/4 7/16.

MILITARY WEDDING.

KOWLOON CEREMONY WELL ATTENDED.

PARKES—THOMPSON.

Particularly interesting to the Kowloon community but also to many on the island where the bride (who was for some time librarian at the Helena May Institute) had many friends, was the wedding at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday. The bride was Miss Vera Althea Thompson, the younger daughter of Captain W. J. Thompson, R.A.S.C., and Mrs. Thompson of 1, Torres Building, Kimberley Road, Kowloon. The bridegroom was Lieutenant John Aylward Parkes, a popular officer of the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade, Royal Artillery, who has been for the past fifteen months stationed in Singapore. He is the only son of Mr. H. T. Parkes of Sandling, Maidstone, Kent.

The bride was given away by her father and was attired in a dress of white georgette over tulle, trimmed with orange blossoms, pearls and silver tissue. A veil of Brussels net, wreath of orange blossoms, a long train of white trimmed with silver lace and orange blossom, white kid shoes and a bouquet of white roses and maidenhair fern, completed the bridal attire.

Miss Evelyn Thompson, sister of the bride, and Miss Phyllis Curtis were the bridesmaids. They wore dresses of old rose georgette and silver lace with pink Brussels net veils. Their bouquets were of pink and white sweet peas. The necklaces they wore (of crystal and amethysts) were the gifts of the bridegroom.

Misses Pamela and Audrey Savage were the train bearers. They were sweetly dressed in pink georgette trimmed with blue and carried silver baskets of flowers. Their gold bangles were the gifts of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Thompson, the bride's mother, was charmingly dressed in grey charmeuse trimmed with almond green, and hat to match. Her bouquet was of pink roses and violets.

The Rev. G. F. Stopford officiated and was assisted by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, vicar of St. Andrew's. Mr. G. C. Oliver was at the organ.

Two brother Artillery officers attended the bridegroom. Lieut. R. C. Cobbold, H.K.S.R.A. as best man and Lieut. H. H. Crotter, R.A., as groomsmen. The church was filled with brother officers from the Artillery and officers of Capt. Thompson's Corps and of all military units in the Colony besides many friends of the family and of the bridegroom.

Outside the church these officers formed an arch of swords for the couple to pass under and the pipe band of the Punjab regiment played them into their car, which was drawn by gunners of the H.K.S.R.A. down the road to Knutsford Hotel where a reception was held.

There many friends gathered and the toast of the health of the bride and bridegroom was offered by Col. G. F. S. Tuke, D.S.O., R.A., and enthusiastically honoured.

Later in the day Lt. and Mrs. Parkes left for Repulse Bay and to-day leave Hongkong by the "S. D'Arctique" and will continue their honeymoon in Indo-China and Europe. The bride's going away dress was of green brocade with green satin cloak and hat to match.

Lt. and Mrs. Parkes received many presents.

The millionaire, followed by a smart uniformed chauffeur, was walking past the stalls at the church bazaar.

"Ah, Mr. Montgomery," gushed a pretty girl at one of them, "What are you going to buy? Auntie and I are in charge of the stall."

"There is one thing I should like to buy," said Mr. Montgomery. "Do you sell kisses?"

"Certainly," came the prompt reply. "One pound each."

"Right!" said the other, "I'll take two, please; two kisses for this gentleman."

For a moment the wealthy man was nonplussed; then he turned to his chauffeur:

"Wilkins," he said coolly, "Just you take this purchase, please."

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"IF"

CHANCE OF GOING BACK TEN YEARS.

WOULD YOU TAKE IT?

Many solutions have been suggested to that problem stated last week: If you were given the chance of going back ten years and taking a different course of action from what you did actually take, knowing that to-day you would be what you might have become had you done so, would you take the chance?

Incidentally it is much to be regretted that in the solution no help has been received from the Hall of Learning on the Hillside. It would be very illuminating to hear a debate on the pros and cons of this problem between those who are perhaps slightly disillusioned as to the prospects of any improvement in mundane affairs occurring by going back a period of time and taking another path, and those more optimistic ones who believe that given the chance of going back and acting differently the world would become perfect.

Of the many solutions put forward none is more interesting than that of one John Beal.

"Modest Sort of Fellow."

Now John Beal is a fairly modest sort of fellow, new to the Colony, and at present declines to be dragged into the open to let the public into his mind. This much may be said however—pending the overcoming of his modesty. In his solution he goes back 10 years to a very trivial incident. At that time he was in the City, and leaving his office at the time most of us do—unless we happen to belong to the latest claimant to the title of "The Silent Service," vide our late Governor—he wended his way to the station to catch his train. Now it happened that—like another local institution—the directors of that particular railway had been peevish by seeing late comers making flying leaps for their moving train, and had given orders that nobody was to be admitted to the platform after the whistle had blown. In this case John Beal had come in time for his usual flying dash, and had been rudely pushed back by a porter.

Modified 3rd Degree.

He now uses this incident to illustrate his solution of this persistent problem. In some way, not at present related, he happens to know what would have occurred had he caught that train. How he knows and what his solution is, his present dislike of publicity and his total lack of public spirit prevents the rest of the public from learning. There is, however, a certain amount of hope that by means of a modified 3rd degree, John Beal may be induced in the course of time to shed his super-sensitive dislike of publicity and to proclaim to all and sundry exactly what he thinks would have occurred had he caught his train 10 years previously. Meanwhile, as it is noticeably the fact that this little word "If" conduces to "poetry" and as stated by a correspondent, leads into queer paths, an effort at a parodist, not a local one, will serve to close this brief introduction to John Beal. "If I should die to-night—"

And you should come in deepest grief and woe
And say "Here's that ten dollars that I owe"
I might arise in my large white cravat
And say "What's that?"

Huskisson was very proud of his son and heir, who had only arrived at his house a few months. He was never happier than when he was showing off his son's good points. Bagshaw was among the party of inspection.

"Well, Bagshaw," said Huskisson, "he proudly showed off the wonder-child, 'what do you think of that for a strapping lad?' Bagshaw made no reply."

"Think he looks like me?" parodied Huskisson.

"H'm—well—no—no—no—well, Huskisson—well, old pal, to tell you the truth, I'm afraid he does."

At a certain country horse fair, nags of all shapes and sizes were displayed for sale, but to find a really good animal was almost an impossibility. From one of the dealers a buyer bought three horses for the ridiculous sum of 55. At the close of the deal the buyer, turning to the dealer, said:

"What about a drink out of it?" "What?" retorted the dealer sharply. "You got three horses for 55 and you have the cheek to suggest a drink out of it? No, it can't be done. But I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll throw in a horse."

A Brave Man. He was a brave man. He reached his sword in a flash and cut down a knight who was advancing to the King. Then he was hurled to the floor, his armor clanking as he fell. The King's order was "Kill him! Take Mortimer alive!"

They had him to London, where he was tried by his peers and condemned.

Five hundred and ninety-five years ago—a mere movement of the foot in the stupendous march of Time—a distinguished, if blackguardly, piece of humanity was swinging at the end of a rope, strung over one of the Tyburn elms growing in what is now that respectable district about the Engwara and Bayswater Roads.

This sport of the winds and object of a boy king's wrath was the bold-eyed, and always debonaire Roger Mortimer, Lord of Wigmore by inheritance, and Earl of March by the grace of his paramour Queen Isabel, that large-hearted, French widow of our Edward II.

Guiltily Consolation. Mortimer had won the Queen's guilty love five years before when she had come to France, where he was in exile, bringing her son, to do homage for Edward II's duchy of Aquitaine. There was a great deal of power you may be sure, and fine manners, but with it, all Isabel found time to daily with the handsome baron, who hated her husband, almost as much as she did. It was an opportunity for consolation, and the Queen embraced it.

Edward II. eventually summoned his wife to return, but she and Mortimer replied with a roll of drums and an armed array. They landed in Essex, routed the King, captured him and forced him to renounce the crown. They imprisoned him in Berkeley Castle and, after brutal treatment had produced no effect on his strong constitution, gave orders for the business to be finished with a dagger. Isabel's son, whom she had brought with her from France, was then proclaimed king as Edward III. at the age of fifteen, and she and Mortimer proceeded to enjoy a brief and unholy dominion over the fair realm of England.

A QUEEN'S LOVER.

ROYAL DISHONOUR, EARL'S INTRIGUE.

STORY OF EDWARD II'S REIGN.

demned. Then they tied him behind a horse and dragged him over the stones to Tyburn. It was briefly done—a rope round that noble neck and he was flung and twitching like any common foot-pad.

So he went to his account for his murders. Queen Isabel, who had been whimpering alone in Nottingham Castle, survived him by twenty-eight years. Edward III. began to reign.

All a tale of long ago; but in the terrace of Nottingham Castle they will show you the mouth of a dark pit, calling it "Mortimer's Hole."

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A Brave Man.

He was a brave man. He reached his sword in a flash and cut down a knight who was advancing to the King. Then he was hurled to the floor, his armor clanking as he fell. The King's order was "Kill him! Take Mortimer alive!"

They had him to London, where he was tried by his peers and condemned.

Five hundred and ninety-five years ago—a mere movement of the foot in the stupendous march of Time—a distinguished, if blackguardly, piece of humanity was swinging at the end of a rope, strung over one of the Tyburn elms growing in what is now that respectable district about the Engwara and Bayswater Roads.

This sport of the winds and object of a boy king's wrath was the bold-eyed, and always debonaire Roger Mortimer, Lord of Wigmore by inheritance, and Earl of March by the grace of his paramour Queen Isabel, that large-hearted, French widow of our Edward II.

Guiltily Consolation. Mortimer had won the Queen's guilty love five years before when she had come to France, where he was in exile, bringing her son, to do homage for Edward II's duchy of Aquitaine. There was a great deal of power you may be sure, and fine manners, but with it, all Isabel found time to daily with the handsome baron, who hated her husband, almost as much as she did. It was an opportunity for consolation, and the Queen embraced it.

Edward II. eventually summoned his wife to return, but she and Mortimer replied with a roll of drums and an armed array. They landed in Essex, routed the King, captured him and forced him to renounce the crown. They imprisoned him in Berkeley Castle and, after brutal treatment had produced no effect on his strong constitution, gave orders for the business to be finished with a dagger. Isabel's son, whom she had brought with her from France, was then proclaimed king as Edward III. at the age of fifteen, and she and Mortimer proceeded to enjoy a brief and unholy dominion over the fair realm of England.

Edward III. was very much of the same stuff as his grandfather, Edward I. He was a tall, hot-blooded, strong-muscled boy with a hand made to hold a sword and legs fitted to lift a plunging war-horse into battle; he fretted under the regency of his mother and her lover. He married Philippa of Hainault when he was sixteen, and found her a sweet maid with large grey eyes and a trick of raising them shyly to her king and husband that made him feel the more at the indignity of his position.

Keys Under Pillow. He bided his time and, then, one old Michaelmas, this boy, who was destined to ravage the green fields of France with his son the Black Prince, like a pair of royal thunderbolts, nodded to this man, beckoned to that, and laid his plans.

Parliament had been summoned to meet at Nottingham. Queen Isabel and Mortimer, still revelling in his earldom of March, were housed in the castle with a body-guard of one hundred and eighty knights.

Edward III., King of England, and his girl Queen lodged with a small retinue in the town. The castle was set, and who knows what whispers reached the castle from the town? It is certain that royal and guilty nerves were not as calm as they had been. The castle keys were delivered every night to Queen Isabel, who slept with them under her pillow. Her fine eyes had become a little shy. Perhaps she did not trust her best-beloved completely.

You must now picture to yourselves Sir William Montagu, a man who drew steel before he spoke, because it usually saved time, and one very close in the counsels of the King. A hulky man, this, with hairy hands, and as loyal as a dog to his master. "Take him alive," said the King, and "I serve your Grace faithfully, though in this instance it irks me," said Sir William, fingering his dagger.

There was a subterranean way into the castle, and through it crept Montagu that night so long ago. He was followed by an esquire-bearing a torch and by a train of nobles as determined as himself to avenge the King's dishonour.

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NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

that the ORDINARY YEARLY Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of this Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1926.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th February to the 22nd February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 8th February, 1926.

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BRIAND'S TASK.

ACCEPTS DIVORCE FROM THE SOCIALISTS.

WILL SEE BILL THROUGH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 15.

The Chamber of Deputies was engaged during the week-end in a sort of game of hide-and-seek, rejecting or shelving, successively, clauses in the Finance Committee's Bill providing for new revenue from an increase in certain indirect taxes.

The Government, having fixed February 16 as the time limit for sending up a special partial Bill to the Senate, giving the Government the funds needed to meet the estimated budgetary deficit of 4½ milliards, the time is running out and the gap to be filled is widening.

The appeal of M. Briand to the Chamber to vote funds is fruitless. The Socialist, M. Renaudel, attacked M. Briand for dislocating the Cartel majority.

M. Briand, in reply, virtually accepted divorce from the Socialists. He declared that the Socialists had rendered an agreed solution of the financial problems impossible, but the Government was determined to go right through. The Finance Bill would be voted in the Chamber sent to the Senate, and when the Senate put the Bill into shape the Government would return it to the Chamber and say: "Take it or leave it." If the Chamber refused to give the Government the means of governing, the Government would realise that the time had come to pass on the responsibilities of office to other shoulders.

PROFITABLE DEAL.

BRITISH FURNITURE IN RUSSIA.

SUCCESSFUL MISSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 15.

In the House of Commons a profitable British deal in Russia was mentioned by Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, in moving a Supplementary Estimate for the Office of Works. He said that a mission had been sent to Leningrad and Moscow to recover furniture, etc., belonging to the British Government and seized by the Soviet during the Revolution. The mission cost £300, and it had recovered effects worth £12,000.

Mr. George Lansbury (Labour, Bow and Bromley) moved a resolution of the vote as a protest against the "foolhardy policy" in removing the furniture from Petrograd.

The motion was rejected and the vote carried.

RICE SENSATION.

EXPORTABLE SURPLUS REDUCED.

CROP ESTIMATE OUT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rangoon, Feb. 15.

A mild sensation has been created in the rice market. Owing to the final forecast of the Burma rice crop the Government has reduced the exportable surplus of the new crop to 2,850,000 tons of cargo rice, or 250,000 tons below the original estimate.

The crops in a number of districts are considerably damaged, and generally the threatening out of the crop is light.

N.E. winds, strong; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow. Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

SHIP SALVAGE.

JAPANESE TUG-BOAT "ARRIVES."

"KWEIYANG" BACK.

Having arrived from Japan, a tug-boat is now alongside the O.S.K. "Atsuta Maru" (ashore in Fu Tau Mun Pass, near the eastern entrance to the harbour), but the ship has not been floated off.

No further news is to hand regarding the "Suma Maru," ashore near Good Hope Cape (12 miles from Swatow), beyond the fact that assistance is being despatched.

The China Navigation "Kwei-yang" has arrived back from the Hainan Straits where she was ashore (about 300 miles from Hongkong), coming on her own steam, after being towed off by the Taikoo tug. Sixty tons of cargo were transferred to the "Taming" and 131 tons jettisoned.

There is no further report regarding the same company's "Hunan."

A CAT BURGLAR.

AN EARLY MORNING VISIT.

PROPERTY STOLEN.

An open verandah door, at No. 59, Wing Lok Street, second floor, assisted a cat burglar who was prowling about in the early hours of this morning.

The floor was found to be in disorder when the inmates woke up after daylight. The cause of this was apparent when they examined the verandah where the visitor had left marks of his escape. A tally of the belongings showed money, jewellery and clothing amounting to \$280 missing.

"Sir," said the tramp, "I've walked a long way to see you, because people told me you were kind to poor fellows like me."

"They said that, did they?"

"Yes, sir; that's why I've called."

"Oh, and are you going back the same way?"

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"KARNATA"	10,000	8th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"NAGPORE"	5,733	15th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	22nd Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGPORE"	5,733	29th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	5th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"NAGPORE"	5,733	12th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	19th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGPORE"	5,733	26th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	3rd May	Marseilles and London
"NAGPORE"	5,733	10th May	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	17th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGPORE"	5,733	24th May	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	31st May	Marseilles and London
"NAGPORE"	5,733	7th June	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	14th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGPORE"	5,733	21st June	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	28th June	Marseilles and London
"NAGPORE"	5,733	5th July	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	12th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGPORE"	5,733	19th July	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,089	26th July	Marseilles and London

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	4th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	11th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SHIRALA"	7,841	18th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADI"	6,443	25th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (ABOUT)	DESTINATION
"TANDA"	6,953	3rd Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Tasmania, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TALMA"	6,000	10th Mar.	do.
"TAKADI"	6,443	17th Mar.	do.
"TALMA"	6,000	24th Mar.	do.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (ABOUT)	DESTINATION
"TALMA"	10,000	17th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KHIVA"	9,135	24th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SHIRALA"	7,841	31st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MURBA"	10,001	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TAKADI"	6,443	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	9,000	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	9,089	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	9,144	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAURITIA"	9,000	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	9,089	25th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAURITIA"	9,000	9th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	9,089	16th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	23rd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAURITIA"	9,000	30th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	9,089	6th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAURITIA"	9,000	20th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	9,089	27th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	4th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAURITIA"	9,000	11th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	9,089	18th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	25th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAURITIA"	9,000	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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"Isle de Panay"	9,135	22nd March	Manila, Singapore, Colombo, etc.
"Isle de Panay"	9,135	29th April	Manila, Singapore, Colombo, etc.
"Isle de Panay"	9,135	6th May	Manila, Singapore, Colombo, etc.

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24.-A.O.L. Pros. Jefferson

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Feb. 17.-B.V. Talshylin
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IRISH QUESTIONS.

TWO FACTIONS BEGINNING TO AGREE

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 15.

Improved relations between the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland have steadily developed during the past few months, and the "Morning Post" states that the easing of the situation will be marked in several ways in the near future. Up to now, of twelve National members in the Northern Parliament, only two have taken their seats, but it is stated that three others will be found in their places when the Northern Ireland Parliament re-assembles next month. Of the remainder two are Republicans, but some of the others are said to be reconsidering their position in view of the better relations that have been established since the signing of the Treaty.

A more important direction in which these improved relations are reported to be manifesting themselves is in regard to the question of a mutual tariff basis. The "Morning Post" states that the "Dublin Government" has modified its original attitude and that negotiations for readjustments of some of the regulations are likely to be concluded in the near future. These negotiations will have to be concluded with the Parliament at Westminster.

Any concessions to Northern Ireland will mean that British goods can enter on the same favourable terms. There is no tariff wall between Britain and Ulster.

It is further stated that an agreement has already been reached on the main points between the Government and Westminster concerning the new terms of transit to the Free State of British automobiles and transit into Britain of automobiles manufactured in the Free State.

Adjustment is also pending on the question of British and Free State income taxes to relieve those who now pay income tax in Ireland and Britain.

FRENCH FINANCE.

THE CUSTOMS INCREASES REJECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 15.

The Chamber of Deputies, dealing with the tax clauses of the Finance Bill, rejected by 300 votes to 112 the article dealing with alcoholic beverages from which the Finance Minister expected an additional revenue of nearly a million sterling.

The Chamber also rejected proposed increases in the Customs duty on coffee and the salt tax.

Another Rebuff.

Paris, Feb. 15.

The Chamber of Deputies Finance Committee has rejected by 13 votes to 8 the Government's proposal to tax payments, which was the main feature of the proposals of M. Doumer, Finance Minister.

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PRIESTS DEPORTED.

MEXICO UP AGAINST ROMAN CATHOLICS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, Feb. 15.

Continuing its activities against the Catholic Church by enforcing an article of the Constitution requiring all priests to be native born, the authorities have closed a convent here and another at Coahuacan.

All the priests are to be deported, but the fate of twelve nuns who have been arrested here has not been decided.

Many nuns belonging to other institutions went to the Spanish Legation, where the Minister promised to try to arrange for their departure, if necessary, without deportation.

Barred From Havana.

Havana, Feb. 15.

Fourteen Spanish priests, deported from Mexico, have arrived here, but they were not allowed to land. They are proceeding to Spain.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" from Hongkong arrived London on Feb. 11 at noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia," Capt. A. J. Halliday, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver B.C. via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama, at 6 a.m. on Feb. 19.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 3 p.m. via the outward English Mail, and is due here on Feb. 20 at about 9 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Feb. 7 and is due here on Feb. 26.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Feb. 12 at a.m. left Yokohama on Feb. 13 at p.m. and is due at Vancouver on Feb. 22.

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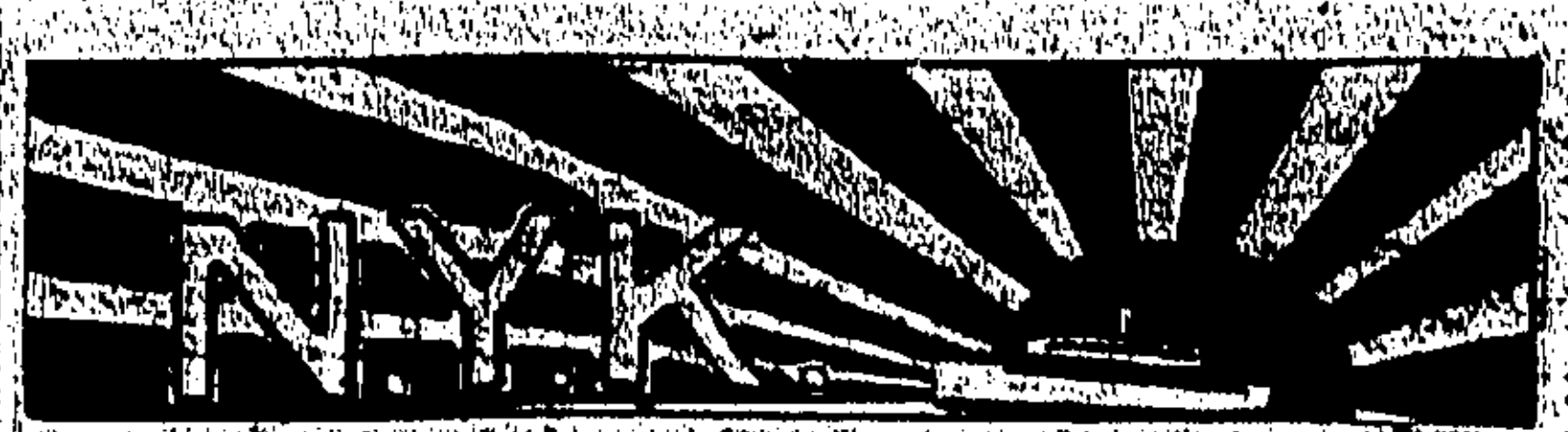
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DEATH.

BLAIR.—In London, on 15th inst.,
David Keay Blair, late
Secretary of Hongkong General
Chamber of Commerce.
(By cable).

Hongkong, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1926.

A HIGH COMMISSIONER.

The departure from Japan of
Sir Charles Eliot, who made a
brief stay in Hongkong at the
week-end on his way home, has
revived for the time being the in-
terest in the advisability of ap-
pointing a High Commissioner for
the Far East. It has been felt
for some time, more particularly
in connection with the events of
the past eight months, that there
is something like a missing link
between the Colony of Hongkong,
for example, and the Foreign Office
as regards the development of events
in China. It is known, of course,
that the British Consul-General in
Canton, with that innate courtesy
for which he is noted, invariably
keeps the Hongkong Government
apprised fully of the changing
situation; and, in turn, the Gov-
ernment here has on occasion
passed on through the Press what
it deems in its discretion the
public ought or would like to
know. Still, this Colony comes
under the jurisdiction of the
Colonial Office and not the Foreign
Office. And the Colonial Office
cannot take official cognisance of
the position in China. An event
of the highest importance to
Hongkong might occur in South
China and yet in any considera-
tion of the policy to be advised or
any ameliorative measures to be
taken Hongkong has no possible
locus standi. The British Consul-
General in Canton reports auto-
matically to the British Minister
in Peking, and the again com-
municates with the British For-
eign Office.

There is no question of not
trusting the Colonial Office to
safeguard Hongkong's interests
adequately, nor does any suspi-
cion arise of the part played by
the Foreign Office. But the fact
of that indefinable missing link
will obtrude itself. The man in
the street is not versed in the
technicalities of high politics or
inter-Departmental relations in
Downing Street. All that con-
cerns him is the fear that he may
be overlooked and ignored in the
settlement of important issues
affecting his absolute existence.

In all the comments so far in
regard to the feasibility of the
appointment of a High Commis-
sioner for the Far East nothing
has been said in regard to his
official standing vis-a-vis the Brit-
ish Minister in Peking and the
Governor of Hongkong. His
duties must be such as not to
clash with or overlap those
already being carried out, but
equally obvious is it that in certain
respects there could be secured a
degree of co-operation and co-
ordination not possible under the
present regime. If a state of
betterment can be effected by the
appointment of a High Commis-
sioner for the Far East, there is
nothing to be gained by delaying
its consideration on the part of
Downing Street.

INTERPORTS AND A STADIUM.

Interports, like the ports, are
always with us. Unlike the ports,
we would always have them with
us. They do much good. They
help trade and that spirit of good-
will so large a part of all sport.
Hongkong battles with Shanghai
at football and goes under. The
"divoties" of golf trounce large-
hearted players from Manila and
meet Shanghai. Later victory
and defeat will be celebrated at
well-laden tables and speeches
will crown the spirit of fellowship
created. It would be a good
thing if the Chinese New Year
Holiday was definitely set aside
by the foreign community as
Interport week and time given
over to games between representa-
tives of different ports. This
matter raises again the question
of a stadium. Unfortunately golf
does not lend itself to the stadium
idea, but some cannot be said of
football, bowls, tennis, swimming,
and cricket. Without such a place
it is impossible to hold events
such as the Far Eastern Olympic
contests. The Colony should be in
a position to do so. Here is an
opportunity for wealthy sports-
men to show their interest in
something practical. If the vari-
ous Interport games could be
arranged to take place at the
same time it would be an annual
event of much interest, giving
great satisfaction and helping to
make bright what in the past has
been dull. It is not all helped by
abolishing and merging tracks
and one time would be a great
gathering of the clans from the
F.M.S., Shanghai, Manila, and
Japan. With the strides that are
being taken in all forms of sport
in the Far East, it is not wonder-
ful that the Chinese New Year
Holiday, particularly the Far East

ern brethren, the terms of com-
petitorship could easily be wide-
ned, and East and West might meet
in combat to the great good of
both sides. The Stadium idea is
not new. Having created it, no
harm will be done in emphasizing
its vast importance, and in sug-
gesting that the deliberations on
the scheme be renewed at the
point at which they were broken
off a couple of years ago. The
Government we believe would
sanction, or consider, a well-
thought out scheme. But such a
scheme needs the whole-hearted
support of the sportsmen of the
Colony. It is up to them to be up
and doing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CRACKER NUISANCE.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I wish to heartily concur
with your article on the cracker
nuisance at the New Year.

In the Chinese quarter nobody
can object to as much din as the
inhabitants choose to make; even
in the Foreign and Business quar-
ters one can tolerate those long
strings of crackers set off by the
Banks and Offices. When, however,
it comes to a lot of loafers making
a pest of themselves by throwing
those abominable bomb crackers
about in the Foreign business quar-
ter, at all hours of the day, it is
time to protest.

Furthermore it is a shockingly
bad precedent to pass a law against
a certain thing, and then allow the
law to be openly flouted under the
eyes of the so-called guardians of
the law. If the Police do not
mean to enforce the law against
crackers in certain districts, why
go through the farce of passing it?
If they do intend the law to be
observed, why allow their repre-
sentatives on duty to openly coun-
tenance a flagrant infraction of it?

Yours, etc.,

"ANTI CRACKER."
Hongkong, February 16.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

AN ABRUPT ENDING TO
A JOY RIDE.

DRIVER'S MISFORTUNE.

A joy ride in a motor car by five
Chinese schoolboys was described
before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the
Central Magistracy this morning
when a Chinese driver was charged
with using a private car for public
hire and having defective brakes.
The charge was a sequel to an
accident in which an old man was
knocked down by the car and re-
ceived injuries to his head.

Two of the schoolboys giving
evidence said that when leaving
the Lee Gardens yesterday after-
noon a boy offered to give them a
motor ride. A bargain was struck
for \$150 as far as Possession
Street, and the students were
ushered into defendant's car. On
reaching their destination a
further arrangement was made for
a trip round the island for \$7.
The car proceeded along Queen's
Road West as far as Centre Street
when the accident occurred and
the driver was taken into custody
by the police.

The owner of the car, a
foreman at the Nanyang Brothers
Tobacco Factory, said
that the defendant had in-
structions early in the afternoon
to take a friend to a Chinese club.
He thought that after completing
his mission defendant went to the
Lee Gardens to make money by
hiring the car.

His Worship convicted on both
charges, imposing a total fine of
\$75 or six weeks, and the payment
of \$5 as compensation to the
injured man, or an additional one
week's imprisonment.

Riches Smash.

A motor car driven by a Chinese
along Queen's Road Central colli-
ded with a public richa yesterday
and smashed it. The coolie re-
ceived slight injuries, but refused
to go to hospital.

A DISHONEST "BOY."

ROBBED A EUROPEAN
LADY.

PEAK CLUB THEFT.

A Chinese "boy" employed at
the Peak Club found himself in the
dock at the Central Magistracy
this morning for stealing a tortoise-
shell cigarette case, and a gold-
mounted powder box belonging to
Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton.
The articles were left on a table
in the Club yesterday by Mrs.
Shenton and later found missing.
A Police Inspector was summoned
by telephone and carried out a
search of the belongings of the
boys, who all denied they knew
anything about the missing articles.
Defendant produced a key for a
rattan basket owned by him, and
hidden away inside the lining of the
lid were found the stolen property.
Tendering a plea of guilty, de-
fendant was sentenced by the
Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell) to
three months' hard labour.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

The Biblical injunction
Go to the is very decided. "Go to
Ant— the ant, thou sluggard,
consider her ways and be wise."
Here is a story, told
by a watcher of "an amazing in-
cident illustrating the tenacity,
ingenuity and co-operative enter-
prise of a family of ants."

A busy little ant came across a
green caterpillar crawling slowly
across the garden path. After
watching for a moment, he hustled
off to the wooden border of the
path and disappeared under the
wood. He came back with another
ant. They took stock of the
caterpillar, and then they went one
to each end of it and, taking hold
of it tugged. There was no result.
The first ant carried out his
original manoeuvre and came back
with two more ants. One ant pull-
ed at each end of the caterpillar
while the two new-comers bit him
in the middle. Again the first ant
went for reinforcements, until
finally a small army of ants was
pulling from each end and stretch-
ing the caterpillar, while the others
ranged themselves on each side and
saved the caterpillar in pieces.
Then they carried away the pieces.

People who return
Can They? from Home leave—
long or short, recount
the joy with which they are re-
ceived by their canine pets. Here
is a remarkable instance of dog
instinct, told by a Home cor-
respondent:—

Some years ago I used to be
frequently away from home on long
business journeys for several days
at a time. I had no regular day
or hour for returning, neither did
anybody know at what time I
would arrive. Yet my brown
waterspaniel invariably met me
two or three miles from home, no
matter by what road I came, while
on all the other evenings of my
absence he would remain asleep
before the fire. Can dogs receive
telepathic impressions or warn-
ings?

A writer in a
Home paper says:
Chinese Music. The traveller, who
years after hear-
ing the tune "Mackrimmon's
Lament" in the Highlands, heard
"almost the same tune" sung by
Chinese mourners at a funeral
near Tientsin, may have heard, not
Oriental music, but the original
Scotch air, borrowed for the occa-
sion.

In the early days of the Republic
(1911) at a wealthy Chinese
Mandarin's funeral in an inland
city, the Chinese musicians, follow-
ing the time honoured custom of

playing the liveliest tune possible
on the most solemn occasion,
executed with great gusto "Yankos,
Doodle Came to Town"; and one
day in 1907 I recollect hearing
three Chinese military bands on a
railway platform all playing differ-
ent tunes at the same time, and
the music—if it might be called
music—was partly Western, partly
Chinese. It was performed in
honour of the arrival on the scene
of a new military Mandarin from
Peking.

A writer mentions a certain
similarity between Scotch and
Chinese airs, the squealing of
Chinese instruments on the occa-
sion of a funeral has often remind-
ed me of bagpipes.

Chinese music is said to have
originated in an attempt to imitate
the sound of the wind and the rain,
and the art was carried to a high
pitch of perfection in the days of
Confucius, when one of the great
man's disciples was said to have
"ruled a district in peace by play-
ing the guitar."

Here is a ser-
mon preached by
the Rev. Dr.
Whewell in America in 1814, on
the text "Man is born into trouble;
as the sparks fly upwards." It
took one minute to deliver, the
following being a verbatim re-
port:—

I shall divide my discourse
into three heads—first, man's
ingress into the world; second,
his progress through the world;
and third, his egress out of the
world. Firstly, his ingress into
the world is naked and bare;
secondly, his progress through
the world is trouble and care;
thirdly, his egress out of the
world is nobody knows where.
To conclude—if we live well
here, we shall live well there,
and I can tell you no more if
I preach a whole year.

A correspon-
dent writes to
a Home paper

says:—
I have just finished reading
"The Great Wall of China," by
William Edgar Gell (Murray, \$1
15s.). Apart from the story of
the Great Wall, I have been struck
with the extraordinary number and
variety of the Chinese proverbs
which the author has set down in
this volume. Here are a few:—

When there is a cart ahead
there is a track behind.

A great man is one who knows
the times.

Do no wrong by day and you
will fear no demon knocking at
your door by night.

What can the swallow know of
the aims of a wild swan?

A true man does not mind his
lowly birth.

Soldiers may not be needed for
a hundred years, but cannot be
dispensed with a single day.

He who has seen little marvels
much.

A kind word keeps warm for
three winters.

A dragon floundering in
shallow water incurs the ridicule
of shrimps.

One piece of bad meat makes
the whole pot small.

BRAIN AND STOMACH.

When eminent persons address
an audience of youth it is right
that they should be rather bracing
than pessimistic. But surely Sir
Arthur Keith, at King's College
Hospital, has overdone it. To tell
young men that they will never
work their brains hard enough to
hurt is, no doubt, just what young
men need, but we do not care for
the other half of his doctrine, that
they must be very careful of their
stomachs (remarks a London
paper). A young fellow anxious
about his digestion is not an agree-
able, not an edifying member of
society. He ought not to know
that he has such a thing till he has
"come to forty years," and a pre-
mature interest in it will make him
a misery to himself and a plague
to everyone else. But Sir Arthur
will not allow the young any hope
of vigour in both stomach and
brain. A man, it is his grim creed,
must choose. Spooner or later in-
explicable laws demand that he who
works his brain shall suffer in his
stomach. "Most of us," says Sir
Arthur, ruefully, "who take a
habitual study have to pay the
price." We know that many of
the scholar's life assail, tall, any-
want the patron, and the goal to
these, with sympathy profound we
now add an aching stomach. But
is it by such confessions that young
men will be attracted to the life
of scholarship and research? Is
this the way to increase the in-
telligentsia? Sir Arthur will hard-
ly save the situation by his argu-
ment that he knows "no student
who would exchange a regulated
brain for the healthy appetite of
a man who only enjoys

STEAMBOAT CO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

She is being "worked in" temporarily on the Macao run and we hope the general public will take the opportunity of visiting Macao whilst they can do so under the comfortable, not to say luxurious conditions which this vessel affords. She re-placed our old friend the "Honam" which after 43 years' very faithful service was sold for breaking up purposes last December. Her passing removes one of the oldest "landmarks" on the river and to the end, her machinery and engines were a tribute to the integrity and superiority of British engineering and shipbuilding.

The Accounts.

Turning now to the accounts, your directors have transferred the sum of \$60,000 from depreciation fund which added to the net profits for the year, and the amount brought forward from last year of \$30,976.27, makes a total of \$108,246.82, which your directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—

To write off book value of steamers, \$60,500.00
To write off book value of wharves, 25,350.00
To write off book value of office furniture, 2,937.25

Making a total of \$89,787.25

and carrying forward to the new profit and loss account a sum of \$18,459.57.

We regret that owing to the present financial position of the company, the prevailing tightness of the money market coupled with the inadvisability of realising the company's holdings in local stocks at their present low level and which will doubtless commend itself to you, since they are first-class investments, they are unable to recommend the payment of any dividend this year. Our fleet has been further written down during the year and has, as usual, been maintained in good order and condition. It is futile, gentlemen, to speak of the future, and I can only close with the expression of "sincere hope" that before very long the present unfortunate disagreements between here and Canton, which for many months now have disturbed our former happy relations, will pass away and mutual trade once more resume its way between the two ports without which neither of us can hope to satisfactorily develop the great trading opportunities which await us both with the return of settled and peaceful conditions.

It would be ill-fitting for me to sit down without referring to the tragical death of our esteemed friend and colleague, Mr. Chau Sui-ki, whose untimely end distressed us all, and indeed the whole Colony. He was a most regular attendant at our board meetings and we were profoundly impressed with his sagacity and wide knowledge in handling the many problems which arise during the course of the year in handling such a company as this. To his surviving family I tender on behalf of us all our sincerest sympathy in their great bereavement. To many of us gathered in this room he was an intimate personal friend whom we could ill afford to lose, and shall mourn for many a day.

I do not think I can usefully add more to what I have already said, gentlemen, and I now formally propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and after the motion has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any enquiries you may desire to put to me to the best of my ability.

Policy Endorsed.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill said: It gives me much pleasure to second the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. After the interesting speech of the chairman, I think it quite unnecessary for me to make any other comments. Considering the conditions which have ruled during the last six months of our working year, I think all shareholders will join me in voicing our appreciation of the very satisfactory work done by our directors, our staff afloat and on shore under more than normally trying conditions.

With these few words I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. R. M. Austin as directors was confirmed on the proposition of Mr. G. S. Zimmern, seconded by Mr. S. E. Michael.

Retiring by rotation, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. R. M. Austin were re-elected formally on the proposition of Mr. J. Owen Hughes, seconded by Mr. G. E. Townes.

Messrs. Linstead and Davies and Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,000 each firm on the proposition of Mr. Zimmern, seconded by Mr. Cheng Ching-po.

BUSH FIRES.

TWO SMALL TOWNSHIPS WIPED OUT.

CALAMITY IN AUSTRALIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, Feb. 15.

In a temperature exceeding 100 degrees, fanned by a northerly gale, bush fires occurred extensively throughout Victoria yesterday.

Twenty-three persons were incinerated, and many others are missing. Considerable damage was done, homes, farms, and timber mills being destroyed.

The small townships of Erica and Noojee, in the coast district of Gippsland, were practically wiped out.

The State Government has sent relief to those who have been rendered homeless.

Most Disastrous Yet.

Melbourne, Feb. 15.

The latest reports of the bush fires in Victoria show that the damage was enormous. At least 28 lives have been lost, including 19 persons at Powell Town, where out of 17 persons trapped in a narrow tram line six escaped and 11 perished.

The Acting Premier, Sir A. J. Peacock, says that the fires rank as the most disastrous in the history of the State.

The State pine plantations at Port Campbell were destroyed. Hundreds of volunteer settlers and townsmen made most heroic efforts to save life and property.

South Australia's Losses.

Adelaide, Feb. 15.

Disastrous bush fires have also occurred in South Australia. Ten square miles of country were swept in the Mount Pleasant district. One owner lost 2,500 sheep. The damage is estimated at \$140,000.

WIRELESS STRIKE.

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY REFUSED.

APPEAL TO BOTH SIDES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 15.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Sir A. H. Steel Maitland, Minister of Labour, said that he refused to appoint a Commission of Enquiry into the marine wireless operators' dispute on the ground that such a Court could only be empowered to enquire in the circumstances and not lay down terms of settlement.

He said that the issues had been narrowed down as the result of last week's negotiations, and he asked both sides to meet again without delay.

Strike to Continue.

London, later.

A mass meeting of marine wireless operators in London unanimously rejected the employers' proposed settlement terms and decided to continue the strike until a satisfactory agreement is reached.

ONLY WAY OUT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 15.

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labour, stated in the House of Commons that the negotiations for the settlement of the marine wireless dispute had not so far succeeded. He had refused so far to appoint a Court of Enquiry, because the questions at issue were capable of settlement by negotiation. In his view it was still practicable and possible for a settlement to be reached by negotiation, having regard to the extent to which the issues had been narrowed.

NEW CRUISER.

LAUNCHING AT PORTSMOUTH TO-DAY.

THE FIRST OF FIVE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 15.

The new cruiser "Suffolk" will be launched at Portsmouth Dockyard to-morrow. It will be the first of the five new light cruisers laid down in connection with the replacement programme of 1924-25 to take the water.

The five vessels, which are to be completed during the current year, are the first to be built by the British Government under the limitations of the Washington Treaty. They will be of 10,000 tons displacement, allowed by the Treaty, and will probably carry eight-inch guns.

GERMANY'S ENTRY.

NEW APPLICANT NOW MAKING THREATS.

BRITAIN NON-COMMITTAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 15.

The "Daily Telegraph's" diplomatic correspondent says that there is reason to believe that the German Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to the principal League States are being instructed to inform the Governments of those States that the German Government may have to reconsider its position toward the League if the structure of the League Council is modified before Germany has taken a seat on it.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Geneva correspondent speaks of the possibility of Germany asking for a postponement of the meeting of the League Assembly, fixed for March 8, until the various States have come to an understanding. Sir Eric Drummond (the League Secretary) has gone to Berlin to discuss the matter with Dr. Stresemann (German Chancellor). Still on the Fence.

London, Feb. 15.

Reuter learns on high authority that there is no truth whatsoever in the report, circulated abroad, to the effect that Great Britain has agreed to the proposal that permanent seats on the League Council should be awarded to Poland, Spain, and Brazil in addition to Germany.

More Hedging.

London, Feb. 15.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that a special meeting of the Assembly of the League had been convened for March 8 to consider Germany's application for admission.

Asked whether he could "remove considerable apprehension" both here and abroad by stating that the British Government was opposed to any considerable increase in the Council, Sir Austen Chamberlain referred to his reply on the 10th inst. He said that he gave a considered reply in the hope that he would not be asked other questions until shortly before he went to Geneva.

Asked whether Germany's application would be considered separately from the applications of other States, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he was unable to answer for the League in the same specific way as he answered for the Foreign Office.

Technical Questions.

Berlin, Feb. 15.

Sir Eric Drummond has arrived from Geneva and had a lengthy conversation with Dr. Stresemann. It is emphasised that Sir Eric Drummond has not come to Berlin to discuss the question of the number of seats on the League Council, which is a matter for the Governments concerned, but to confer with Dr. Stresemann on technical questions in connection with Germany's entry to the League, such as, for example, the ceremony and procedure to be adopted at Geneva when the Assembly meets and Germany's application comes up for consideration.

[Sir Austen Chamberlain in his reply on the 10th inst. said that the application of Germany, as was probably inevitable, had opened the whole question of the composition of the Council. It had led to claims from other quarters, but until it was impossible to reach a final decision as regards the course that would best serve the interests of the Council and the League. He would make a further statement before his departure to attend the Council in March. If possible, but he thought that, as a good deal of difference of opinion must at first exist, it would defeat the whole object of the forthcoming meetings and destroy the League's usefulness and influence, if the representatives were bound in advance by rigid instructions which would render a common agreement impossible. The only addition which he was willing to make to the foregoing statement was that more than two other Powers had applied for seats on the Council.]

"MADE IN BRITAIN."

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(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 15.

The satisfactory performance of British engines on the recent flight of Spanish aviators from Spain to South America is to be followed by the employment of British Rolls Royce engines on the flight from Spain to the Philippine Islands, in which the aviators will be Capt. Loriga (the Spanish aviator pilot) and Lieut. Eatever.

This flight of 15,000 miles will probably start in the early Spring, and Rolls Royce engines of 800 h.p. have already been ordered for the three British machines.

NOT WANTED.

AMERICA AND COUNTESS OF CATHCART.

LORD CRAVEN INVOLVED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 15.

Mr. Henry H. Curran, Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, has telegraphed to the Department of Labour at Washington requesting a warrant for the arrest of the Earl of Craven. When the warrant arrives the Earl of Craven will be taken to Ellis Island for the hearing of the case for the admission of the Countess.

Changes Her Mind.

Washington, Feb. 15.

It is definitely expected that the Countess of Cathcart will withdraw her appeal against exclusion from the United States. It is believed that the publicity provoked by her detention on Ellis Island has caused her to change her mind about the desire to visit America. The "New York World" says that Lady Craven has confirmed that the Earl is now in Canada where he arrived last evening.

Warrant Issued.

Washington, Feb. 15.

The Department of Labour has issued a warrant for the Earl of Craven's arrest.

Earl in Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 15.

The Earl of Craven has arrived here and is staying at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. He refused an interview with the Press.

A Terrible Ordeal.

New York, Feb. 15.

The Countess of Cathcart, looking pale and nervous when interviewed by Pressmen on Ellis Island, declared that she would see the case through. She did not intend under any circumstances to ask permission to return to Britain voluntarily. She had been through a terrible ordeal, but there was a lot of fight left in her yet.

Craven Surprised.

Montreal, Feb. 15.

The Earl of Craven, in an interview, expressed his surprise to learn that a warrant had been issued against him in the United States. He added that he was glad he was on Canadian soil away from the "Land of the Free."

He is sailing from Halifax for Bermuda at the earliest opportunity, whilst his wife will sail from New York for Bermuda on Saturday.

LOCARNO OPPOSED.

FRENCH POLITICIAN'S NOVEL VIEWS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 15.

A most interesting by-election took place to-day at Belfort where M. Clemenceau's former lieutenant, M. Andre Tardieu, was returned, defeating the Radical Socialist and Communist candidates.

M. Tardieu, who had not returned to public life after his defeat at the General Election in 1924, carried on a whirlwind campaign at Belfort, which was a stronghold of the Left bloc.

M. Tardieu championed the malcontents. It is reported that he declared himself opposed to the Locarno Treaties on the ground that they give Britain the control of Europe and push back France from the Rhine.



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SOCIAL HYGIENE.

POSITION IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

HOME GOVERNMENT MOVES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 15.

Replying to a question as to what action was being taken in connection with the report of the Advisory Committee on Social Hygiene in the Straits Settlements in 1925, Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said action was being taken on the general lines suggested, notably questions of immigration of female with male Chinese, in regard to which the Governor of the Straits (Sir Laurence Guillemard) reported that there was already a continued improvement in the sex ratio.

For many years the questions of housing, education, and recreation had been engaging attention.

The Government did not think that it was necessary to appoint the suggested Mixed Commission, but the medical service was being organised on the lines suggested.

He added that whilst the Straits Government aimed at the disappearance of the brothel, progress must be gradual. Finally, the Government was paying close attention to the recommendation for an increase in the personnel and for an extension of the powers of the Chinese Protectorate.

EGYPT'S WINDFALL.

ONLY IN NEGOTIATION STAGE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 15.

Mr. John Rockefeller, junior, denies that he has offered to King Fuad of Egypt ten million dollars for a museum at Cairo.

He states that negotiations have been proceeding in connection with such a project, but no decision has yet been reached.

HOSPITAL FUN.

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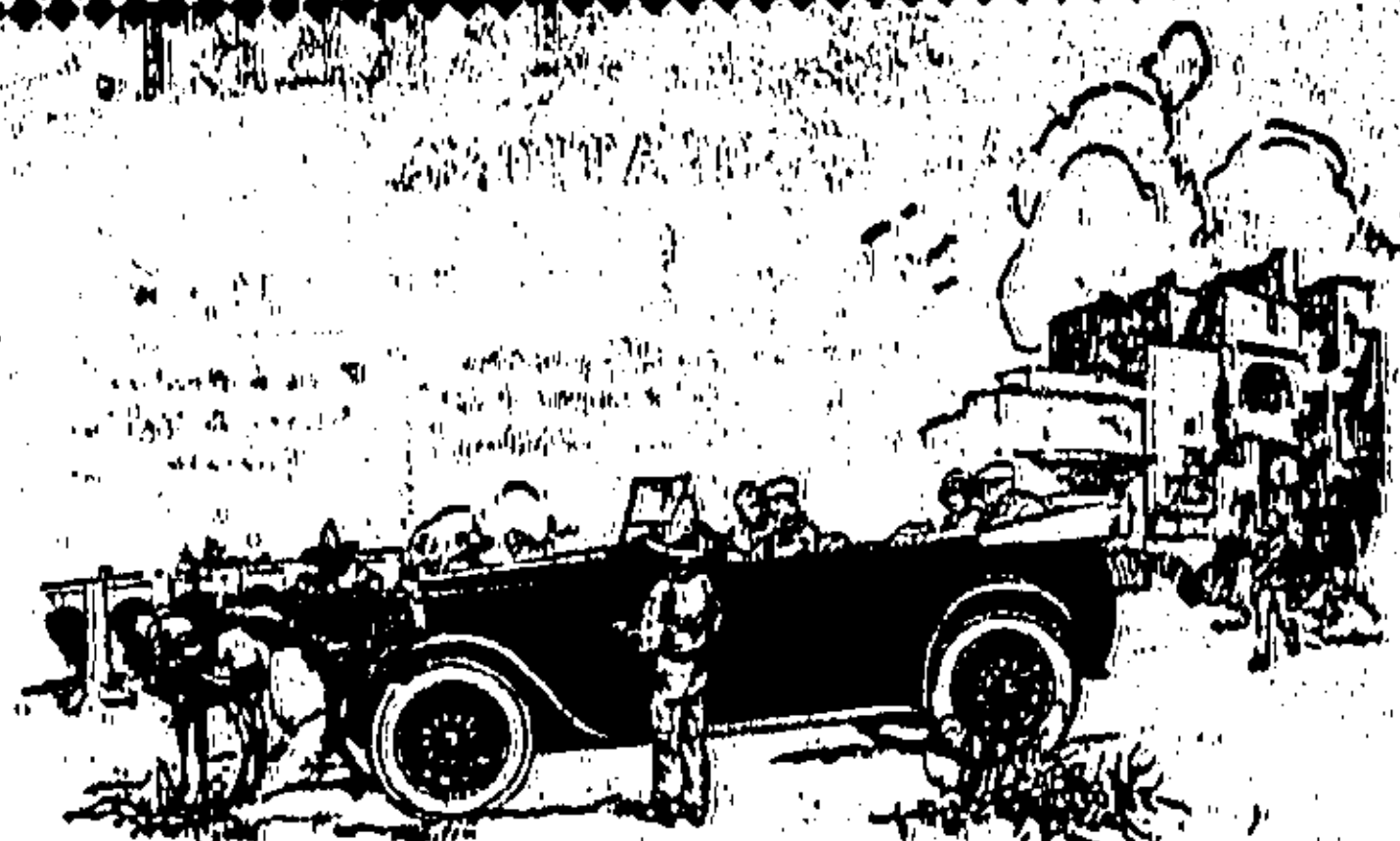
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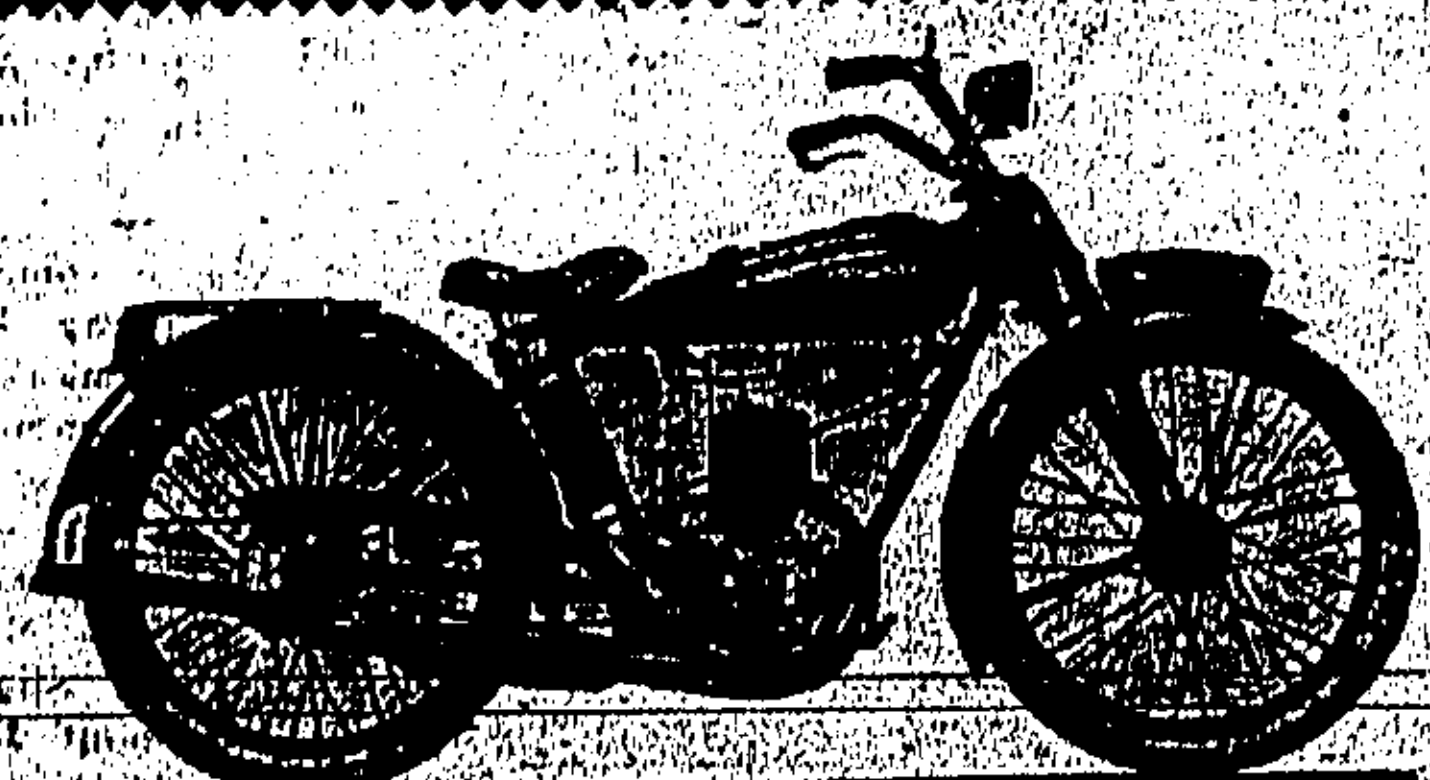
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Distribution of Banque Industrielle Bonds commences tomorrow.

It is stated that the subscription to the Kowloon Golf Club is to be reduced from \$3 to \$2 per month.

All are cordially invited to attend the 36th annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society at the Cathedral Hall on Wednesday (February 24) at 11 a.m.

Over 100 women have written to the Mayor of Bath to apply for the post of wife to the Queensland farmer with 1,200 acres and an honest face who applied for help in his matrimonial search.

Booking opened to-day at the Anderson Music Store for the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club's production of Lord Dunsany's "The King of the Golden River" which is to take place from March 2 to 6 in the Theatre Royal.

The variable climate of Shanghai which makes it so difficult to keep the majority of musical instruments in tune has had its effect on the new Cathedral organ. Although the utmost care was taken in the choice of wood and other material used in its construction it has recently given the tuners a great deal of extra work and trouble. It is, however, becoming successfully acclimatised to the extremes of humidity and dryness which are experienced in the Far East.

The Philippine Library and Museum has received a splendid gift from the Italian community, presented by the Consul of Italy and Mr. Lamoglia, a well-known businessman and proprietor of El Meridian in Escorial. The gift consists of the famous and masterly work of the noted sculptor, G. E. Tolentino, the original in plaster of Paris of the fascist, which the author has called "Saluto Romano," valued at P2,000.00. It was through the efforts of Director Epifanio de los Santos that this donation to the Philippine Library and Museum, was secured.

The late Mr. R. C. Wilcox, formerly of Hongkong, left \$48,487.

Mr. J. B. Hawker and Mr. A. D. Galloway are passengers in the "President Pierce" which has left for San Francisco via Northern ports.

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society is in active rehearsal for the concert it is to give in April. Mr. W. R. Fleming is the conductor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lambert, Mr. Fred Ellis and Mr. A. H. Cobb are passengers in the "President McKinley" which has left for Manila.

Robert Graves, one of the most distinguished of the younger poets, has been appointed Professor of English Literature at Cairo, and has sailed to take up the duties there.

Like other famous lawyers, the late Mr. Charles King Francis, the Westminster magistrate, who has left \$24,560, failed to make his own will satisfactorily. Owing to several alterations and interdications in the document affidavits regarding its execution were required before it could be executed.

There was a great gathering of past and present "Manchester Guardian" men at the dinner to C. E. Montague at the Reform Club, Manchester, on his retirement after thirty years of active journalism. Among the speakers were: Mr. C. P. Scott, Mr. H. W. Nevinson, Sir Basil Clarke and the Editor of the "Spectator".

Miss Megan Lloyd George has been successfully operated upon in London for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Dr. Walton, who afterwards announced that the patient's condition was entirely satisfactory. Lord Dawson of Penn, who has been attending Miss Lloyd George, was present during the operation.

Sir Philip Gibbs speaks highly of Mr. Montague's work at G.H.Q. as the official source of information to the war correspondents, and speaks of him as "a man who could have written us all of our test." That the judgment was not an exaggerated praise is proved by the fact that the book of war memories, "Disengagement," and by such a moving story as "The First Blood Swept" in the recent issue of "The Spectator".

Leicester Corporation have contracted for the erection of 500 houses at £515 and £465 each.

Shanghai Volunteers are to have no camps this winter. A Camp may be held in the autumn.

Penang has carried off the two Queen's Scholarships for Malaya, the successful students coming from St. Xavier's Institution and the Penang Free School.

A total of 15,520 lb. of letter mail left Britain by air in 1925. This is an increase on previous figures. The weight of the outgoing parcel air mails on the whole of the Continental services was 50,000 lb.

One of the biggest financial settlements of the year was concluded when the London General Omnibus Company paid a cheque for £321,796 to the London County Council in respect of the renewal of "General" bus licences.

Difficultly experienced by motorists in seeing pedestrians at night if they are dressed in black or other dark clothing was mentioned at a Romford inquest. The driver of a car that fatally injured Mary Ann Hunt, 73, of Ilford, said he tried to avoid a dark object forty yards ahead, but found it impossible. When he pulled up he found the woman, who was dressed in black, lying near the side of the car.

Four Socialists are accepting the offer of Lady Astor, M.P., to pay their passage to Russia on condition that they stay there for two years. The offer was made in a speech in which, alluding to Russia, she said that there was no rush to that country, even by those who pretended it was such a paradise. Immediately applications began to roll in, and between 30 and 40 people wanted to know more about it. Further information was forwarded and a rather ominous silence ensued. This silence has been preserved by all but four of the applicants, and the others are now too late to participate.

Captain Cathrop-Cathrop, Master Attendant at Singapore, leaves for England at the beginning of April.

One of the senior medical women missionaries in India, Dr. Agnes E. Henderson, daughter of the late Sir William Henderson, has died in London. She received the M.B.E. in 1923.

Princess Mary's visit to Lord and Lady Harewood on Christmas Day was not by any means a formal one, nor is it a rare thing for the Princess and her children to visit Harewood House. When they are in residence at Goldborough Hall, which is but a few miles away, scarcely a day passes without their calling to see Lady Harewood for a few minutes. The elder boy is sometimes allowed to play his grannie a visit of a few days' duration, a very special treat which they both enjoy, for "Master George" is as fond of Lady Harewood as he is of his other "grannie"—Queen Mary.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Literature, according to news from London. Lord Balfour made the presentation. The "Morning Post" in a long article on Kipling's contribution to literature, says that the award is an honour to the Society as well as to the recipient, and suggests that the public debt to this man of genius is too little acknowledged.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., ushered in the new year with a round of golf over the country club links at Osmond Beach. Mr. Rockefeller had as his partners General Adelbert Ames, of Massachusetts, and Mrs. H. B. Warner. Later his granddaughter, Miss Muriel McCormick, and Tito Scipa, the Chicago Opera singer, and Rockefeller's house guests joined them in their game. The oil magnate's game showed him in good form. His shots were short and straight.

All the H. G. Wells family, except the novelist himself, are participating in the production of the "Bara Theatre, Little Easton, near the Wells home. The Countess of Warwick lent the barn, which has been converted into an Elizabethan theatre. Mrs. H. G. Wells and her sons, Frank and George, are the moving spirits in the production. They design scenes, paint scenery and act in the plays, which have ranged from Shakespeare to Stanley Houghton.

Known to Etienne as "Blue bottle," Mr. Walter Jarman, keeper of the Eton playing fields, has died suddenly at the Upper Club lodge. Mr. Jarman acquired his nickname by reason of his light blue uniform, which was a distinctive feature on cricket days. He had been positioned from the Metropolitan Police Force. For many years he was one of the "Blue Bottle" police. Mr. Jarman was a keen sportsman, and while working near the Eton playing fields, he was a keen sportsman. He was a keen sportsman, and while working near the Eton playing fields, he was a keen sportsman. He was a keen sportsman, and while working near the Eton playing fields, he was a keen sportsman.

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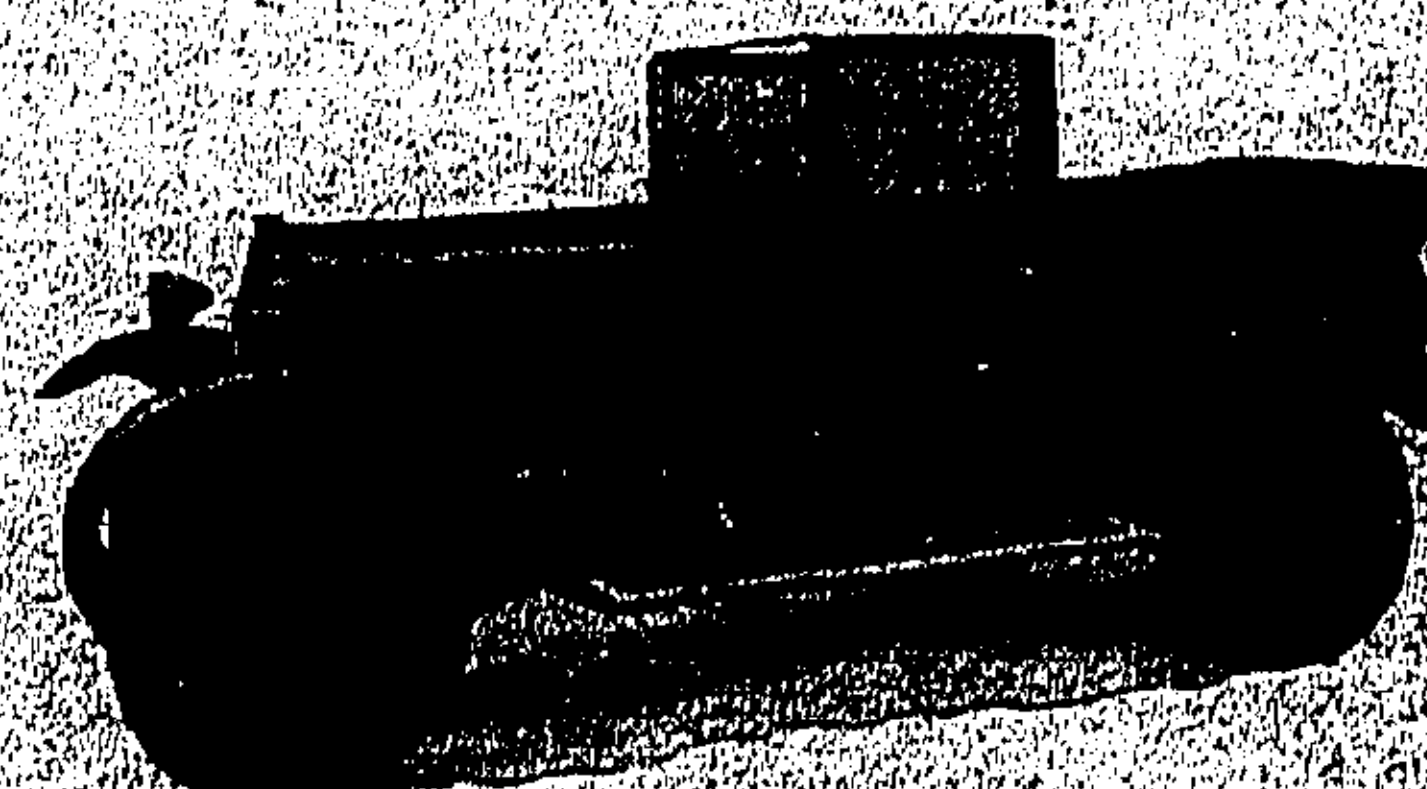
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OPENING MEET.

COLONY'S FIRST "COUNTRY" RACES.

FANLING STEEPLECHASES.

Although the train from Kowloon only brought between three and four hundred, many went by motor-car to yesterday's steeplechases at Fanling—the first "country meeting" to be held in the Colony—and the day was a success.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) was present and Lady Clementi distributed the prizes. Mrs. J. G. Bower was the only lady riding and was deservedly applauded for a grand victory.

Results follow:—
T.H.E. CAUSEWAY BAY STEEPLECHASE, 1 1/4 MILES.—Winner to receive a Cup presented by Mrs. Harford. Second \$30. Third \$13. Catch-weights 165 lbs.

Mr. Wright-Neville's More Better (Owner) 1
Mr. F. A. Pollock's Nugget (Owner) 2
Major Peterson's Night Dress (Capt. Sturges) 3

Also ran: Uncle Guss (Mr. Potts), Dick (Capt. Johnson), Woodlark (Mr. Stanton), Hermes (Major Bennett).

Starting prices: evens Nugget; 2-1 More Better; 5-1 Night Dress. Cash Sweep: No. 87, \$204.40; No. 93, \$58.40; No. 40, \$29.20. Unplaced ponies: Nos. 14, 39, 375, 111.

THE HUNT STEEPLECHASE, 2 MILES.—Winner to receive a Cup presented by Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G. Second \$40. Third \$24. Catch-weights, 160 lbs.

Mr. W. T. Stanton's Solly (Owner) 1
Mr. C. H. Turner's Pongo (Owner) 2
Mr. A. H. Potts' Two Pairs (Owner) 3

Also ran: Harford (Mr. Beck), October (Mr. Pollock), Curlew Dahlia (Mr. Dufferin), Tam (Mr. Charles), Durian (Mr. Macnamara).

Starting prices: evens Solly; 4-1 Pongo; 2-1 agst. Two Pairs. Cash Sweep: No. 27, \$301; No. 63, \$86; No. 108, \$50. Unplaced ponies: Nos. 123, 3, 26, 28, 59.

THE FANLING NATIONAL, 2 MILES.—Winner to receive a Cup presented by H.R.H. Prince George. Second \$30. Third \$18.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's John Smith (Mr. Pollock) 1
Mr. R. H. Charles' New York (Owner) 2
Capt. Sturges' Reynolds (Owner) 3

Also ran: Prohibition (Mr. Potts), Reardan (Mr. Stanton), Four of a Kind (Dr. Macgown), Dummy (Mr. Reidy), Mowgli (Mr. Bousfield).

Starting prices: 6-4 John Smith; 2-1 on New York; 4-1 Reynolds. Cash Sweep: No. 113, \$382.20; No. 134, \$109.20; No. 114, \$54.60. Unplaced ponies: Nos. 30, 108, 41, 136, 51.

OPEN LIGHT WEIGHT STEEPLECHASE, 2 1/4 MILES.—Winner to receive Cup. Second \$40. Third \$24.

Lt. Cdr. Sprague's Cheriton Vale (Mrs. J. G. Bower) 1
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Jambu (Owner) 2
Mr. R. H. Charles' Drake (Owner) 3

Also ran: Valiant (Mr. Reidy), A.B. (Mr. Bowerfield), Aces Up (Mr. Potts).

Starting prices: evens Cheriton Vale; 2-1 Jambu; 4-1 Drake. Cash Sweep: No. 388, \$457.80; No. 4, \$130.80; No. 121, \$65.40. Unplaced ponies: Nos. 24, 8, 123.

VOLUNTEER HUNT CUP, 1 1/4 MILES.—Winner to receive a Cup presented by Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. Second \$30. Third \$18.

Mr. A. N. Lucey's Country Mouse (Owner) 1
Mr. A. Forsyth's Chessman (Owner) 2
Mr. J. R. Jenkin's Zircon (Mr. Ogilvie) 3

Also ran: Strathlone (Mr. Sewell), Teddy (Mr. Simpson), Smart Guy (Mr. Hinton), Alcantra (Mr. Macgown).

Starting prices: evens Country Mouse; 5-1 Chessman; 6-1 Zircon. Cash Sweep: No. 109, \$278.60; No. 79, \$79.60; No. 815, \$50. Unplaced ponies: Nos. 110, 76, 104, 108, 51.

BRITISH POLO DEFEAT.

(via Colombo.)

Miami (Fa.), Jan. 24. In a polo match here the Flamingoes defeated the British Freebooters (Colonel Melville, the Marquis of Waterford, Capt. Rex Smith, and Major Lyons) by 8 goals to 7 after nine hard-fought chukkers.

The Flamingoes' team was P. Koehl, J. A. Cooler, H. E. Talbot, Jr., and J. Andrew.

A STRONG LEAD.

YESTERDAY'S INTERPORT SINGLES.

SHANGHAI AHEAD.

A strong lead (4 1/2 points to 1 1/2) was set up by the visiting Shanghai team in the singles golf tournament at Fanling yesterday and on form the Hongkong players will have to play remarkably well to beat them in the four-somes to-day.

Some excellent golf was seen in the course of the singles matches. The surprise of the day was the defeat of N. W. Budd, the Shanghai Captain, by A. H. Ferguson who played consistently good golf throughout the day. Ferguson won by 2 and 1 and went round in 75 in the afternoon.

A match which was followed with a deal of interest was that between I. W. Shewan and A. R. Blinks, probably because of the latter player's reputation for driving. After being three down at the fifth interval, Shewan made a good recovery but a drive among the trees at the sixteenth lost him the game. He was 2 down. Blinks went round in 76 in the morning.

The biggest victory of the day was that of J. B. Ferrier who beat W. Douglas 5 up and 3 to play. Ferrier has been a regular visitor to Fanling with the Shanghai interport team for some years now and on his last visit did the 18 holes in 72, equalling the course record.

T. D. E. Pendered went down to H. R. Malcolm (3 and 2) but played excellent golf in the last nine holes. He was seven down at the end of the 27th but did the last nine in 35.

A. K. Mackenzie went down by 3 and 2 to J. F. Pilcher although the Hongkong man had secured a lead of 4 up at the halfway house in the morning.

Steady play on the part of both players saw R. M. Smith and Parbury fighting to the last and a suitable ending was the winning of the last hole by the Hongkong man, the game being all square.

GIRLS IN SPORT.

EVENING FROCK MAKES DIFFERENCE!

AN AMERICAN VIEW.

How American views the boom in sports for British ladies is indicated in the following message, sent to U.S.A. papers from London on January 20:—

Growing fondness for outdoor sports has not lessened the



Lady Forbes-Robertson.

modern girl's inherent fondness for indoor sports, according to speakers at a recent meeting of the committee on education. It was pointed out that a girl might play tennis, football or even box during the day, but once out of her sport clothes and into an evening frock she reverted instantly to the primitive feminine business of flirting; powdering and disturbing the thoughts of serious, hard-working men.

"Certain speakers had just finished upholding the view that the post-war girl took her sport more seriously than beauty and cultivating her sex appeal. A half dozen in the audience immediately sprang to the defence of flirtation versus muscle."

"Lady Forbes-Robertson declared that sport was necessary but so was powdering. Girls would always find time, she said, to make themselves attractive. All the sports in the world, she declared warmly, could not dull their infinite variety or cool her love of flirting."

"Said Lady Alexander: 'It is wrong for anyone to suppose that girls can find no time to flirt and what not just because she plays vigorous outdoor games. Why shouldn't they do both? A healthy girl ought by all that is true, to be a bigger and better flirt than one whose eyes are listless and uninviting.'"

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

CLUB DEFEAT UNITED SERVICES.

OTHER MATCHES.

The match between the Hongkong C.C. and the United Services was continued yesterday on the Club ground. At the close of the first day's play on Saturday the H.K.C.C. were 51 runs ahead in the first innings and had lost five wickets for 51 runs.

The Club closed their second innings for 156 runs, Pearce contributing 51. Sayer made 28 and Hancock 31. The Services were thus left to make 208 runs to win. Efficient bowling by the Club resulted in the dismissal of the Services for 116 runs. The Club were therefore left winners by 92 runs.

H.K.C.C.—1st Innings.
A. W. Hayward, c. Hussey, b. Halsey 19
G. R. Sayer, lb.w. b. Mercer 44
H. Owen Hughes, b. Stephenson 44
T. E. Pearce, b. Halsey 28
M. F. Stewart, b. Cantrell 28
R. Hancock, c. Hussey, b. Halsey 0
H. A. Sheldon, b. Cantrell 12
H. V. Parker, b. Halsey 16
C. C. Lyle, run out 36
A. C. I. Bowker, c. Mercer, b. Halsey 24
E. B. Reed, not out 1
Extras 28
Total 216

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Cantrell 22 3 65 2
Mercer 5 1 23 1
Halsey 21 3 65 6
Stephenson 3 0 11 1
Morris 4 0 15 0
Robertson 2 0 8 0

United Services—1st Innings.
Pay-Lt. Hussey, b. Sayer 79
C. Q. M. S. Stripp, b. Parker 15
Capt. Bridgland, b. Parker 4
Mid. Stephenson, b. Parker 4
Capt. Mercer, b. Parker 0
Capt. Morris, c. Owen Hughes, b. Parker 11
Lt. Halsey, b. Bowker 32
Lt. Robertson, b. Lyle 2
Capt. Walters, b. Bowker 10
Lt. Nicholson, c. Pearce, b. Lyle 4
Lt. Col. Cantrell, not out 2
Extras 5

Total 164
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Bowker 16 4 45 2
Reed 9 4 23 0
Parker 10 0 52 5
Sayer 6 0 33 1
Lyle 5 2 6 2

H.K.C.C.—2nd Innings.
A. W. Hayward, b. Cantrell 4
J. C. Lyle, run out 9
H. A. Sheldon, run out 3
E. F. Stewart, c. Mercer, b. Halsey 14
G. R. Sayer, c. Stripp, b. Cantrell 23
H. Owen Hughes, b. Halsey 0
H. V. Parker, c. Walters, b. Cantrell 5
T. E. Pearce, c. Morris, b. Cantrell 51
R. Hancock, lb.w. Cantrell 31
A. C. I. Bowker, c. Cantrell, b. Nicholson 5
E. B. Reed, not out 0
Extras 15

Total 156
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Cantrell 21 1 37 5
Stephenson 4 1 13 0
Halsey 17 2 44 2
Mercer 6 3 19 0
Bridgland 5 0 24 0
Nicholson 3 1 4 1

United Services—2nd Innings.
Lt. Nicholson, c. Pearce, b. Bowker 13
C. Q. M. S. Stripp, lb.w. b. Reed 14
Pay-Lt. Hussey, lb.w. b. Bowker 0
Mid. Stephenson, b. Reed 1
Lt. Halsey, c. Hayward, b. Reed 24
Capt. Morris, not out 39
Lt. Col. Cantrell, run out 1
Capt. Walters, c. Owen Hughes, b. Parker 12
Capt. Mercer, b. Parker 6
Lt. Robertson, lb.w. Parker 6
Extras 9

Total 115
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Bowker 18 4 47 3
Reed 18 9 24 3
Parker 7 2 0 25 8
Lyle 7 3 10 0

VARSITY MATCH.

The "past" students of the University triumphed over the "present" students by the narrow margin of five runs in a match played yesterday on the Chinese R.C. ground. The teams battled evenly but three of the bowlers for the "present" XI did well and kept the score down although three others gave a total of 60 runs without taking any wickets.

"Past" XI scored for Hongkong and Tung for East China. Stewart was carried off injured in the first half. In the second half, after which Hongkong played for ten minutes.

The game was rather one-sided.

A. Hoalim, b. Shahabudin 0
C. Chon, b. Balhatchet 9
D. K. Samy, c. Laing, b. Balhatchet 27
H. G. Hunt, b. Balhatchet 13
W. M. Giffins, run out 84
H. L. Yung, c. Zimmern, b. Balhatchet 0
H. Hunt, b. Rumjahn 21
A. T. M. Barm, b. Rumjahn 2
A. N. Other, not out 0
Extras 19
Total 141

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Shahabudin 7 0 21 3
Balhatchet 9 2 12 4
Rumjahn 11 3 20 8
Lam 10 1 26 0
Laing 6 3 10 0
Ponsonby Fane, 8 0 24 0

"Present" XI scored for Hongkong and Tung for East China. Stewart was carried off injured in the first half. In the second half, after which Hongkong played for ten minutes.

The game was rather one-sided.

H. N. Balhatchet, b. Ng Sze-kwong 37
B. P. Ng, b. Yoh 6
D. Laing, b. Ng Sze-kwong 27
A. A. Rumjahn, c. Giffins, b. Ng Sze-kwong 20
C. W. Lam, c. Hoalim, b. Ng Sze-kwong 1
T. W. Chong, b. Ng Sze-kwong 0
E. Zimmern, c. Hall, b. Hoalim 11
R. A. Ponsonby-Fane, b. Yoh 13
S. Hachima, c. Giffins, b. Ng Sze-kwong 0
R. N. Sudan, not out 8
H. Y. Leong, b. Yoh 0
O. Shahabudin, absent 0
Extras 13

Total 136
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Ng Sze-kwong 13 4 42 6
Yoh 7 2 0 16 8
Hoalim 9 0 38 1
Samy 6 0 32 0

KOWLOON v. H.K.C.C. 2nd.
Kowloon were at home to the Club seconds. Batmen were on top and a draw ensued. Mitchell, playing for the H.K.C.C. Juniors, made a century.

Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI.
M. M. Watson, b. Goodwin 29
D. E. G. Nicholson, run out 25
H. G. Burgess, c. Banner, b. Overy 54
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out 111
W. W. Mackenzie, c. Woolley, b. Overy 0
G. P. Lammert, b. Goodwin 13
W. T. Featherstone, b. Goodwin 20
G. R. Vallack, not out 20
Extras 20

Total (6 wks., dec.) 272
R. W. Lee, O. Skinner and H. Griffin did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Goodwin 28 8 89 3
Griffin 10 1 35 0
Spillett 4 1 14 0
Overy 12 3 19 2
G. Lee 10 4 26 0

Kowloon C.C.
A. W. Ramsay, c. Watson, b. Griffin 81
F. Goodwin, c. Lammert, b. Griffin 95
G. Lee, b. Griffin 7
E. C. Fincher, c. Watson, b. Griffin 1
S. B. Spillett, b. Vallack 6
C. T. Evans, b. Lammert 1
A. A. Dand, b. Griffin 13
D. H. Banner, not out 2
Extras 24

Total (7 wks.) 230
W. Woolley H. Overy and W. F. J. Griffin did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Griffin 21 3 80 5
Vallack 20 2 86 1
Mitchell 3 0 14 0
R. W. Lee 5 0 10 0
Burgess 2 0 16 0
Lammert 1 1 0 1

C.C.C. v. L.R.C.
Craigengower received the Indian R.C. in an all-day match, the visitors doing well. Score: C.C.C. (1st) 122 runs (D. Fritz 29, A. B. Hanson 42).

L.R.C. (1st) 276 runs (S.A.R. Ismail 62, S. A. Ismail 23, A. H. Madar 67, extras 25).

C.C.C. (2nd) 185 runs (D. Fritz 9 wickets (A. B. Hanson 32, E. Fincher 18).

"Electric" v. Talkoo.
On the Sookumpo ground, the Hongkong Electric Co. defeated Talkoo by 20 runs. Score: H.K. Electric 138 runs (Gahagan 45, Foster 26, not out).

Talkoo 118 runs (Grimes 71, Young 20; Dunbar 4 wickets for 25 runs and Way 4 for 22).

TWO VICTORIES.

HONGKONG SOCCERITES IN SHANGHAI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Yesterday afternoon South China (the Hongkong Chinese team) beat Portugal (Shanghai) by three goals to two at soccer.

Shanghai, Feb. 15. At soccer Hongkong beat East China by four goals to one.

Macklesworth, Humberstone and Butler (two) scored for Hongkong, and Ting for East China.

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OIL OR COAL?

DEVELOPMENT IN MOTOR TONNAGE.

ALL A QUESTION OF PRICE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 15. The annual report of the British Chamber of Shipping states that the past year has seen a further development in the construction of motor tonnage, notwithstanding the decrease in coal prices and the increase of oil prices.

Of the tonnage launched in Great Britain and Ireland in 1925 about 13 1/2 per cent. was motor tonnage. The proportion rose in 1924 to 16 1/2 per cent. and the tonnage under construction, at the end of that year was 24 1/2 per cent. The proportion had risen by the end of December, 1925, to more than one-third.

The report adds: "If the cost of raising steam by coal be taken as 100, the corresponding cost where oil is used under boilers on the basis of present prices is 253, but this does not allow for many natural advantages possessed and economies facilitated by the use of oil. Generally, it may be considered that, wherever oil is economically obtainable, the first-class passenger liner trade has been lost to coal as regards motor power. But oil is not likely wholly to supplant coal as a steam raiser unless coal prices increase or oil prices diminish. The question of conversion turns largely upon the relative price of coal and oil."

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People and Events in the News of the World

Little Prince Michael, four years old, has been elevated to the rank of Crown Prince, heir to the Rumanian throne, by abdication of his father, Crown Prince Carol.



Plunging daily into the icy Missouri, to keep fit, Kirby Merrill, of Tonganoxia, Kan., plans to hike around the world in the outfit shown above.



Mrs. Dallet Wilson, a society woman, has just returned from an extensive hunting trip in Africa. With only natives as her companions she killed four lions single-handed and brought their skins home for trophies.



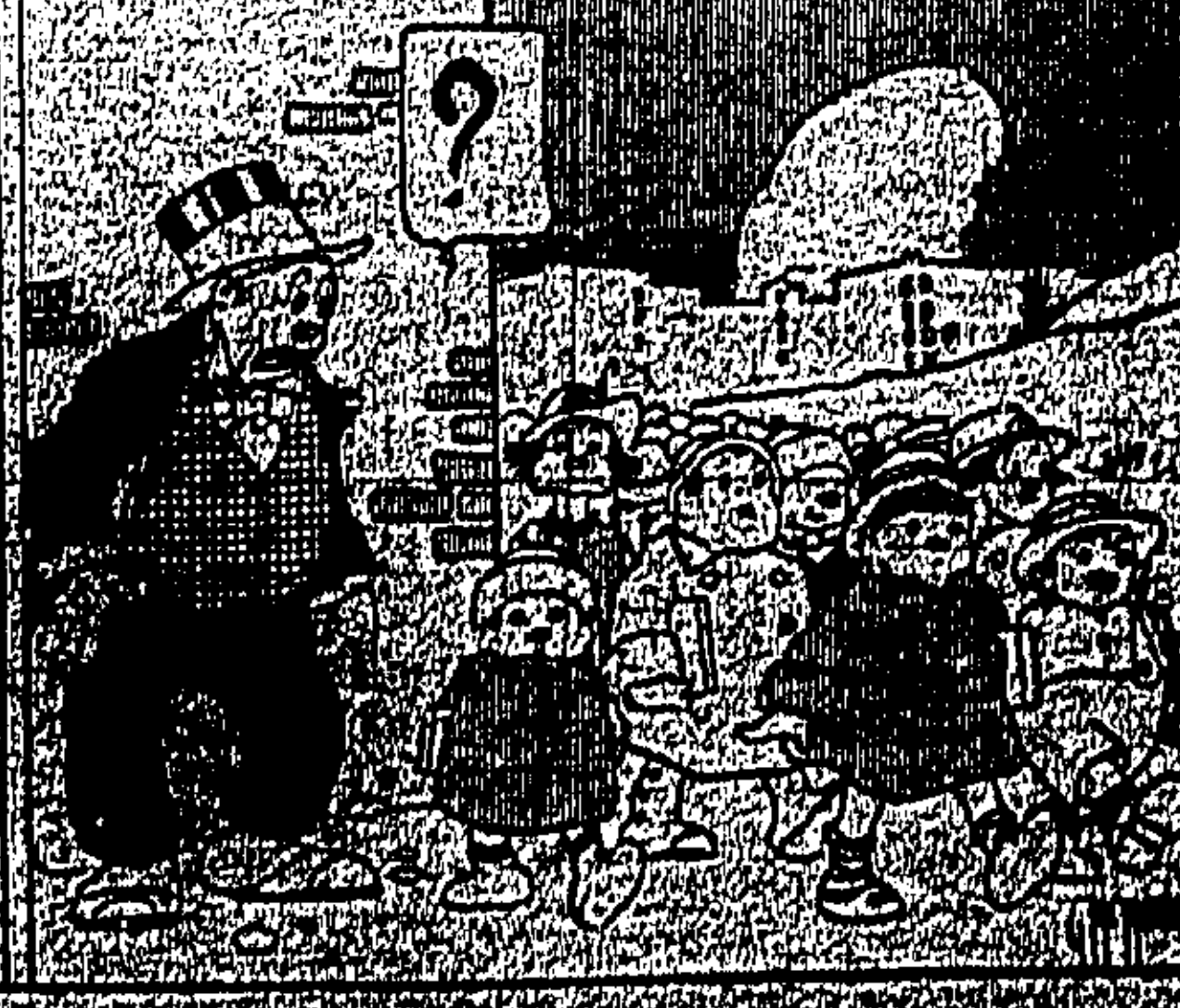
Crown Prince Carol has renounced his rights to accession to the Rumanian throne and is remaining in Italy, where he is said to have fallen desperately in love with an Italian beauty. Prince Carol and Crown Princess Helene are shown in an affectionate pose.

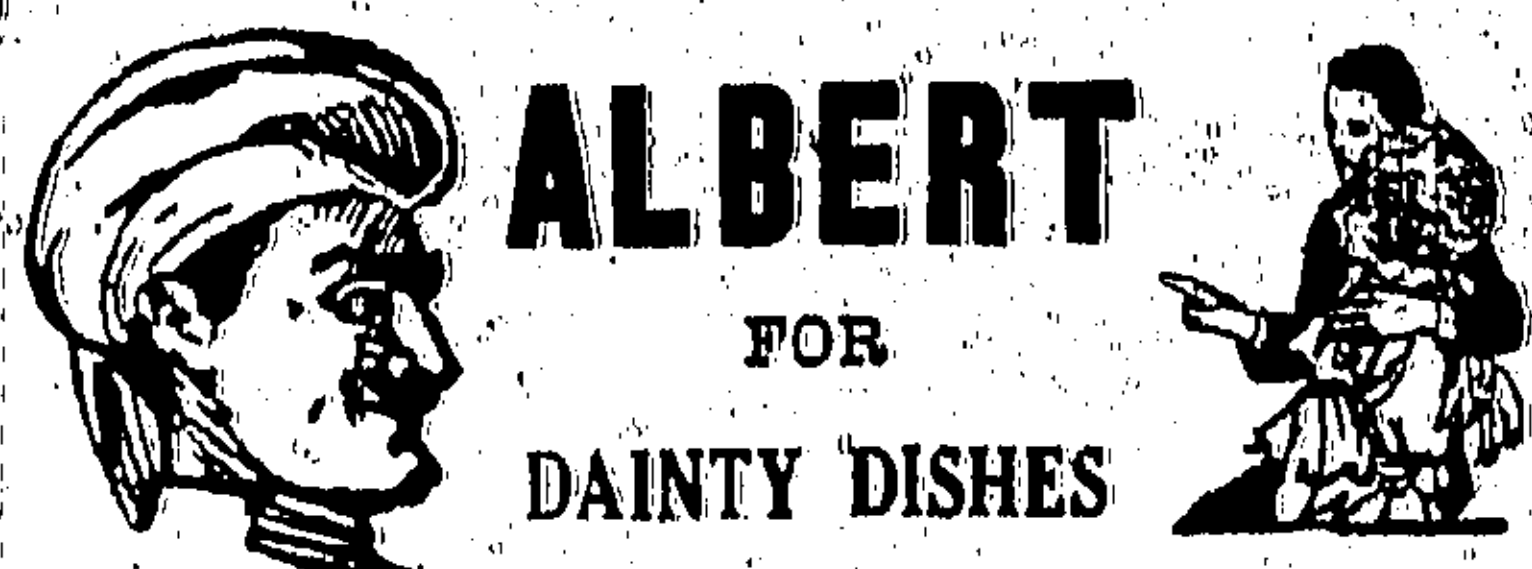


Happiness and a new home have been found by Evelyn Castle, Harrisburg, Ore., whose parents were killed when the family car was hit by a train. Harvey Carpenter, engineer in the crash, has made Evelyn one of his own family.



Judge Herbert Immerhausen, Chicago, Moral Court, said that he has never seen an athlete in his court and praises the morals of sports lovers. Edward A. Birge, president of the University of Wisconsin, heard alumni protests against refusal of endowment gifts. R. M. Smythe, a Wall Street broker, has conducted business for forty-one years without a telephone. Dr. J. McKean Cattell, retiring president of the American Association for Advancement of Science, denounces face reading and phrenology.

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ODDS AND ENDS

An Animal Fair.

There was to have been an Animal Fair at the Central Hall, Westminster, where visitors will be able to inspect the latest humanitarian substitutes for animal products in dress, food, and fancy goods (says the "Children's Newspaper"). The fair was organised by men and women united in their determination to make the world a better place for animals as well as for human beings. Not every member of the council is a vegetarian. Some of its members will not eat the flesh of birds, beasts or fishes. Others prefer to concern themselves with seeing that animals killed for mankind are killed as painlessly as possible. There are supporters of the movement who will not wear boots and shoes of leather because animals have to die in order that such needs may be supplied, and will not use anything in which leather forms the material wholly or partly. But all members of the council are agreed that there is room for improvement in the way we treat animals, even if the improvement is a slow process.

Mysterious Talking Ghost.

For some time past the police and population of Rouen (France) have been in a ferment about the activities of a "ghost" which haunts the cottage of the widow Douvry. Up to now the spirit has confined his mischief to knocking on walls and ceilings and talking disrespectfully to the police who hunted him. The strangest thing about the affair is that the haunted house is a very small place of only one storey, save for a tiny space between slates and ceiling, in which it is impossible to believe a man could hide without being quickly discovered. Yet night after night, with neighbours sitting up with her, and the police keeping a careful watch around the house, Mme. Douvry has been disturbed by repeated knocking. The knockings have continued even when independent observers have occupied the space under the slates. A spiritualist who had been called in asked the ghost to knock if he was present. The response was a loud hammering on the wall, which, by the way, is a solid structure of brick. On being told that his hunters were prepared to shoot at night, the spirit laughed and said: "Fire away, you will never get me." He or it passed a still more severe test when a lieutenant of police, placing his hand on the wall, said: "Knock where my hand is," and the thud which followed was quite accurately placed. A spiritualist then said: "Tell me the first letter of my Christian name." This was spelt out without hesitation. Police inquiries are continuing, and the general public is doing voluntary guard duty, but the only result up to now has been that two of the volunteers have thrashed each other, each believing that the other was the "ghost."



Patricia Mitchell, athletic leader of the youngest set from Atlanta, shows her hand-stand ability on the sands of Palm Beach, where she will engage in many of the racing events scheduled for the season.

Aspirin For Flowers.

Baying chrysanthemums in a Chelsea florist's the other day, I was given the oldest prescription I have yet heard of "prolonging the life of flowers" (says a "Daily News" writer). "Many of our customers," said the woman assistant, "recommend putting half an aspirin tablet in the water. Flowers which are beginning to droop pick up immediately."

A Favourite Hymn.

"Lately there has been some little controversy as to when and where the hymn 'Abide With Me' was written. The author, as everyone knows, was Henry Francis Lyte, first vicar of Lower Brixham Church, who shares with William of Orange the honour of being the most distinguished personage associated with that town. Lyte, however, was not a Devonian, he was born at Ednam, in Roxburghshire, on June 1, 1793. His mother taught him until he was nine years old; when he was sent to school at Proctor. In Ireland. In 1815 he obtained a scholarship at Trinity College, Dublin, and carried off for

three years in succession the prize given for the best poem, thus showing early signs of poetical genius. One of his prize poems was the well-known "Battle of Salamina." His original intention was to become a doctor, but he abandoned this idea in 1816, took Holy Orders, and became curate of Tynham, near Wexford. His health, however, broke down so seriously that he was ordered to the Continent, by his physicians, and this was the beginning of a disability with which he had to battle all the rest of his life. Some are inclined to think that "Abide With Me" was written in 1820, after Lyte had visited the bedside of an old friend who lay dying, but Lyte's daughter, in the prefatory memoir which she wrote to the volume of her father's poems and sermons, published in 1850 under the title of "Remains," says:— "... he placed in the hands of a near and dear relative the little hymn 'Abide With Me,' with an air of his own composing adapted to the words." The logical conclusion is that he had just composed it.

Royal Wardrobes.

The difference between a Royal wardrobe when the owner is travelling officially or merely for pleasure is rather amusingly illustrated in the case of the King and Queen of the Belgians, who have been on a private trip to India. For his travels up country, at any rate, the King appears to have confined himself to the simplest and most limited amount of kit, and his wardrobe consisted, it was said, of no more than a suit of khaki, "slacks" and shorts, a dinner jacket, tall coat, and a pair of trousers shared between the two. (says an "Evening Standard" writer.) On one occasion in regard to clothes led to a last-moment change in a military programme. The Royal visitor was due to visit a frontier station, and a parade was to be held. At the eleventh hour the King of the Belgians announced his intention of wearing shorts, and wires were hastily put in motion ordering the O.C. of the station to instruct all officers to be similarly clad. All who met the King and Queen appear to have been greatly struck by their simple and unaffected ways, and the keen pleasure and appreciation they showed for the simplest hospitality extended to them. The Queen, it seems, has a passion for souvenir photographs and on the occasions when the Royal travellers were late in arriving at some given spot it generally transpired that the Queen's enthusiasm for using her camera had necessitated frequent halts during the journey.

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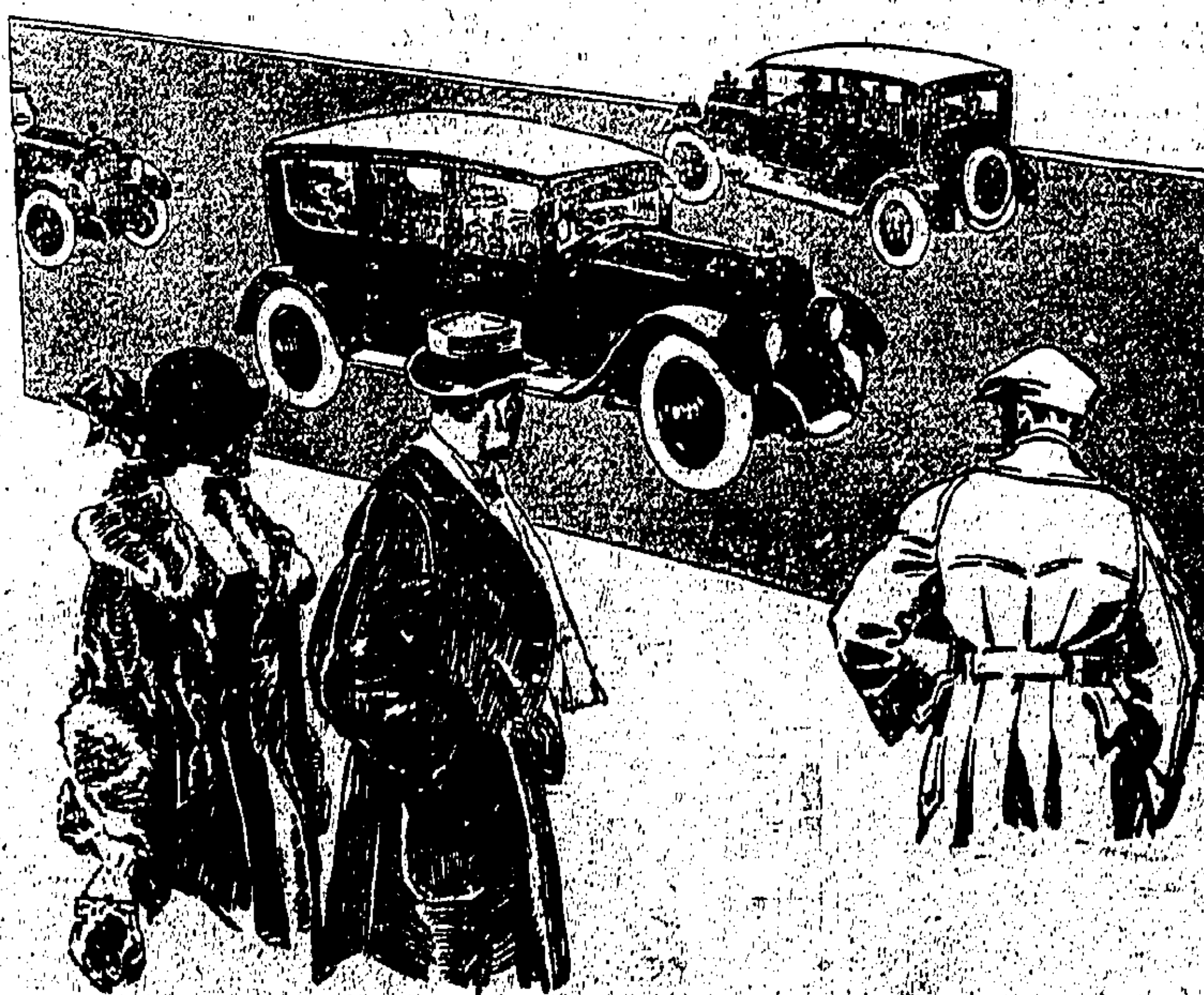
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